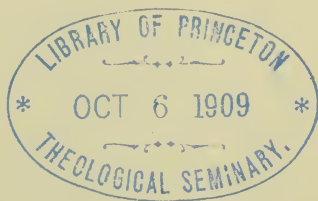


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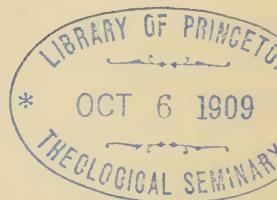
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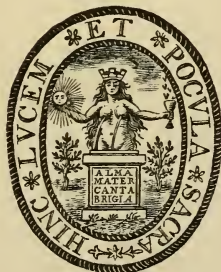
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CHAP. I.

1 The LORD appointeth Ioshua to succcede Moses. 3 The borders of the promised land. 5. 9 God promiseth to assist Ioshua. 8 He giueth him instructions. 10 He prepareth the people to passe ouer Iordan. 12 Ioshua putteth the two tribes and halfe in minde of their promise to Moses. 16 They promise him fealty.

N Owe after the death of Moses the seruant of the LORD, it came to passe, that the LORD spake vnto Ioshua the sonne of Nun, Moses *minister, saying,

* Deut. 1.
38.

2 Moses my seruant is dead: now therefore arise, goe ouer this Iordan, thou, and all this people, vnto the land which I doe giue to them, *euen* to the children of Israel.

* Deut. 11.
24. chap.
14. 9.

3 *Euerie place that the sole of your foote shall tread vpon, that haue I giuen vnto you, as I said vnto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon, *euen* vnto the great Riuer, the riuer Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and vnto the great sea, toward

BOOKE OF

Ioshua.

the going downe of the Sunne, shalbe your coast.

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the dayes of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: *I will not faile thee, nor forsake thee.

6 *Bee strong, and of a good courage: for ||vnto this people shalt thou diuide for an inheritance the land which I sware vnto their fathers to giue them.

7 Onely bee thou strong, and very courageous, that thou mayest obserue to doe according to all the Law, which Moses my seruant commaunded thee: *turne not from it to the right hand, or to the left, that thou mayest ||prosper whither soeuer thou goest.

8 This booke of the Law shal not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest obserue to doe according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt ||haue good successe.

9 Haue not I commanded thee? be strong, and of a good courage, bee not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, whither soeuer thou goest.

* Heb. 13.

6.

* Deut. 31.

23.

|| Or, thou shalt cause this people to inherite the land, &c.

* Deu. 5.

32. and 28.

14.

|| Or, doe wisely.

|| Or, doe wisely.

10 ¶ Then

10 ¶ Then Ioshua commanded the Officers of the people, saying,

11 Passe through the hoste, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals: for within three dayes ye shall passe ouer this Iordan, to goe in to possesse the land which the LORD your God giueth you, to possesse it.

12 ¶ And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to halfe the tribe of Manasseh, spake Ioshua, saying,

* Num. 32
20.

13 * Remember the word which Moses the seruant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath giuen you rest, and hath giuen you this land:

† Heb.
marshalled
by five.

14 Your wiues, your little ones, and your cattell shall remaine in the lande which Moses gaue you on this side Iordan; but ye shall passe before your brethren † armed, all the mightie men of valour, and helpe them:

15 Vntill the LORD haue giuen your brethren rest, as *he hath giuen* you, and they also haue possessed the lande which the LORD your God giueth them: then yee shall returne vnto the land of your possession, and enioy it, which Moses the LORDS seruant gaue you on this side Iordan toward the Sunne rising.

16 ¶ And they answered Ioshua, saying, All that thou commandest vs, we will doe, and whither soeuer thou sendest vs, we will goe.

17 According as we hearkened vnto Moses in all things, so will we hearken vnto thee: onely the LORD thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses.

18 Whosoeuer he be that doth rebell against thy commandement, and will not hearken vnto thy words, in all that thou commandest him, he shall bee put to death: onely be strong, and of a good courage.

CHAP. II.

1 Rahab receiueh and concealeth the two spies sent from Shittim.

8 The couenant betweene her and them. 23 Their returne and relation.

ANd Ioshua the sonne of Nun sent out of Shittim two men, to spie secretly, saying, Go, view the land, euen Iericho: and they went, and * came into an harlots house, named Rahab, and † lodged there.

* Heb. 11.
31 iam. 2.

25.
† Heb. lay.

2 And it was told the king of Iericho, saying, Behold, there came men in

hither to night, of the children of Israel, to search out the countrey.

3 And the king of Iericho sent vnto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entred into thine house: for they bee come to search out all the countrey.

4 And the woman tooke the two men, and hid them, & said thus: There came men vnto mee, but I wist not whence they were:

5 And it came to passe *about the time* of shutting of the gate, when it was darke, that the men went out: whither the men went, I wote not: pursue after them quickly, for ye shall ouertake them.

6 But shee had brought them vp to the roofe of the house, and hid them with the stalkes of flaxe, which she had laid in order vpon the roofe.

7 And the men pursued after them the way to Iordan, vnto the foords: and assoone as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 ¶ And before they were laide downe, shee came vp vnto them vpon the roofe.

9 And she said vnto the men, I know that the LORD hath giuen you the land, and that your terrour is fallen vpon vs, and that all the inhabitants of the land †faint because of you: †*Heb.*

10 For wee haue heard how the LORD *dried vp the water ^{*melt.*} of the red Sea for you, when you came out of Egypt, and ^{*Exod. 14} what you did vnto the two kings of the Amorites that ^{21. chap. 4.} were ^{23.} on the other side Iordan, *Sihon and Og, whom ye vtterly ^{*Num. 21} destroyed. ^{24.}

11 And assoone as we had heard *these things*, our hearts did melt, neither did there †remain any more courage in any †*Heb. rose* man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in ^{*vp.*} heauen aboue, and in earth beneath.

12 Now therefore, I pray you, sweare vnto me by the LORD, since I haue shewed you kindnesse, that ye will also shew kindnesse vnto my fathers house, and giue me a true token:

13 And that ye will saue alieue my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they haue, and deliuer our liues from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life †for yours, if yee †*Hebr. in* vtter not this our businesse. And it shall bee when the ^{*stead of you*} to die.

LORD hath giuen vs the land, that wee will deale kindly and truely with thee.

15 Then shee let them downe by a coard thorow the window: for her house *was* vpon the towne wall, and she dwelt vpon the wall.

16 And she said vnto them, Get you to the mountaine, lest the pursuers meete you; and hide your selues there three dayes, vntill the pursuers bee returned, and afterward may ye goe your way.

17 And the men said vnto her, Wee will bee blamelesse of this thine oath which thou hast made vs sweare:

† *Hebr.*
gather.

18 Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt binde this line of scarlet threed in the window which thou didst let vs downe by: and thou shalt †bring thy father and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy fathers houshold home vnto thee.

19 And it shall bee, that whosoever shall goe out of the doores of thy house into the street, his blood *shalbe* vpon his head, and wee will bee guiltlesse: and whosoever shall bee with thee in the house, his blood *shalbe* on our head, if *any* hand be vpon him.

20 And if thou vtter this our businesse, then we wilbe quit of thine oath which thou hast made vs to sweare.

21 And shee saide, According vnto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, & they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

22 And they went, and came vnto the mountaine, and abode there three dayes, vntill the pursuers were returned. And the pursuers sought *them* thorowout all the way, but found them not.

23 ¶ So the two men returned, and descended from the mountaine, and passed ouer, and came to Ioshua the sonne of Nun, and told him all things that befell them.

† *Hebr.*
melt.

24 And they saide vnto Ioshua, Truely the LORD hath deliuered into our hands all the land; for euen all the inhabitants of the countrey doe †faint because of vs.

CHAP. III.

1 Ioshua commeth to Iordan. 2 The Officers instruct the people for the passage. 7 The LORD encourageth Ioshua. 9 Ioshua in-

courageth the people. 14 The waters of Iordan are diuided.

And Ioshua rose early in the morning, and they remooued from Shittim, and came to Iordan, hee and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed ouer.

2 And it came to passe after three dayes, that the Officers went thorow the hoste;

3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD your God, and the Priests the Leuites bearing it, then yee shall remooue from your place, and goe after it.

4 Yet there shalbe a space betweene you and it, about two thousand cubites by measure: come not neere vnto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must goe: for yee haue not passed *this* way † heretofore.

5 And Ioshua said vnto the people, *Sanctifie your selues: for to morrow the LORD wil do wōders among you.

6 And Ioshua spake vnto the Priests, saying, Take vp the Arke of the Couenant, and passe ouer before the people. And they tooke vp the Arke of the Couenant, and went before the people.

7 ¶ And the LORD saide vnto Ioshua, This day wil I begin to magnifie thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that *as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

8 And thou shalt commaund the Priests that beare the Arke of the Couenant, saying; When ye are come to the brinke of the water of Iordan, yee shall stand still in Iordan.

9 ¶ And Ioshua said vnto the children of Israel, Come hither, and heare the words of the LORD your God.

10 And Ioshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the liuing God is among you, and that he will without faile driue out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hiuites, and the Perizzites, and Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Iebusites.

11 Behold, the Arke of the Couenant, euen the Lord of all the earth, passeth ouer before you, into Iordan.

12 Now therefore take yee twelue men out of the Tribes of Israel, out of euery Tribe a man.

† *Hebr.*
since yesterday &
the third
day.

* *Leuit. 20.*
7. num. 11.
18. chap.
7. 13.
1. sam. 16.

5.
* *Chap. 1.*

5.

13 And it shall come to passe, assoone as the soles of the feete of the Priestes that beare the Arke of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Iordan, *that* the waters of Iordan shall be cut off, *from* the waters that come downe from aboue: and they *shall stand vpon an heape.

* Psal. 114. 3.
14 ¶ And it came to passe when the people remooued from their tents, to passe ouer Iordan, and the Priestes bearing the *Arke of the Couenant before the people;

* Acts 7. 45
15 And as they that bare the Arke were come vnto Iordan, and the feet of the Priestes that bare the Arke, were dipped in the brimme of the water, (for *Iordan ouerfloweth all his banks at the time of haruest)

* 1. Chron. 12. 15. ecclus. 24. 30.
16 That the waters which came downe from aboue, stood *and* rose vp vpon an heape very farre, from the city Adam, that *is* beside Zaretan: and those that came downe toward the sea of the plaine, *euē* the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut off: and the people passed ouer right against Iericho.

17 And the Priestes that bare the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, stood firme on drie ground, in the midst of Iordan, and all the Israelites passed ouer on drie ground, vntill all the people were passed cleane ouer Iordan.

CHAP. IIII.

• 1 Twelue men are appointed to take twelue stones for a memoriall out of Iordan. 9 Twelue other stones are set vp in the midst of Iordan. 10. 19 The people passe ouer. 14 God magnifieth Ioshua. 20 The twelue stones are pitched in Gilgal.

* Deut. 27. 2.
* Chap. 3. 12.
A^ND it came to passe when all the people were cleane passed *ouer Iordan, that the LORD spake vnto *Ioshua, saying,

2 Take you twelue men out of the people, out of euery tribe a man,

3 And command you them, saying, Take you hence out of the mids of Iordan, out of the place where the Priestes feet stood firme, twelue stones, and yee shal cary them ouer with you, and leaue them in the lodging place where you shall lodge this night.

4 Then Ioshua called the twelue men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of euery tribe a man:

5 And Ioshua said vnto them, Passe ouer before the Arke of the LORD your God into the mids of Iordan, and take ye vp euery man of you a stone vpon his shoulder, according vnto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel :

6 That this may be a signe among you, *that* when your children aske their fathers †in time to come, saying, What meane you by these stones? † *Heb. to morow.*

7 Then yee shall answeere them, That the waters of Iordan were cut off before the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, when it passed ouer Iordan, the waters of Iordan were cut off: and these stones shall bee for a memoriall vnto the children of Israel for euer.

8 And the children of Israel did so as Ioshua commanded, and tooke vp twelue stones out of the midst of Iordan, as the LORD spake vnto Ioshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and caried them ouer with them, vnto the place where they lodged, and laid them downe there.

9 And Ioshua set vp twelue stones in the midst of Iordan, in the place where the feet of the Priests which bare the Arke of the Couenant, stood: and they are there vnto this day.

10 ¶ For the Priests which bare the Arke, stood in the midst of Iordan, vntill euery thing was finished that the LORD commanded Ioshua to speake vnto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Ioshua: and the people hasted and passed ouer.

11 And it came to passe when all the people were cleane passed ouer, that the Arke of the LORD passed ouer, and the Priests in the presence of the people.

12 And *the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, *Num. 32. and halfe the tribe of Manasseh, passed ouer armed before ^{27.} the children of Israel, as Moses spake vnto them :

13 About fourty thousand ¶prepared for war, passed ouer before the LORD vnto battell, to the plaines of Iericho. ¶ *Or, ready armed.*

14 ¶ On that day the LORD magnified Ioshua in the sight of all Israel, and they feared him, as they feared Moses all the dayes of his life.

15 And the LORD spake vnto Ioshua, saying,

16 Command the Priests that beare the

the Arke of the Testimony, that they come vp out of Iordan.

17 Ioshua therefore commaunded the Priests, saying, Come yee vp out of Iordan.

18 And it came to passe when the Priests that bare the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, were come vp out of the mids of Iordan, *and* the soles of the Priests feete were †lift vp vnto the dry land, that the waters of Iordan returned vnto their place, and †flowed ouer all his banks, as they did before.

† *Hebr.*
plucked vp.
† *Hebr.*
went.

19 ¶ And the people came vp out of Iordan on the tenth day of the first moneth, and encamped in Gilgal, in the East border of Iericho.

20 And those twelue stones which they tooke out of Iordan, did Ioshua pitch in Gilgal.

21 And he spake vnto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shal aske their fathers †in time to come, saying, What meane these stones?

22 Then yee shall let your children know, saying, Israel came ouer this Iordan on dry land.

23 For the LORD your God dried vp the waters of Iordan from before you, vntill yee were passed ouer, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, *which hee dried vp from before vs, vntill we were gone ouer:

† *Hebr. to*
morrow.

* *Exod. 14.*
21.

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty, that ye might feare the LORD your God †for euer.

† *Hebr. all*
dayes.

CHAP. V.

1 The Canaanites are afraid. 2 Ioshua renueth Circumcision. 10 The Passeouer is kept at Gilgal. 12 Manna ceaseth. 13 An Angel appeareth to Ioshua.

AND it came to passe when all the Kings of the Amorites which were on the side of Iordan Westward, and all the Kings of the Canaanites, which were by the Sea, heard that the LORD had dried vp the waters of Iordan from before the children of Israel, vntil we were passed ouer, that their heart melted; neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

2 ¶ At that time the LORD said vnto Ioshua, *Make thee || sharpe kniues, and circumcise againe the children of Israel the second time.

* *Exod. 4.*
25.
|| *Or,*
knives of
flints.

3 And Ioshua made him sharpe kniues, and circumcised the children of Israel at ||the hill of the foreskinnes.

|| Or, Gibe-
ah-haara-
loth.

4 And this is the cause why Ioshua did circumcise: all the people that came out of Egypt, that *were* males, *euen* all the men of warre, died in the wildernes by the way after they came out of Egypt.

5 Now all the people that came out, were circumcised, but all the people that were borne in the wilderness by the way, as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked fourtie yeeres in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of warre which came out of Egypt were consumed, because they obeyed not the voyce of the LORD, vnto whome the LORD sware that hee *would not shew them the land which the LORD sware *Num. 14. vnto their fathers, that he would giue vs, a land that floweth ^{23.} with milke & honie.

7 And their children, *whom* hee raised vp in their stead, them Ioshua circumcised, for they were vncircumcised: because they had not circumcised them by the way.

8 And it came to passe †when they had done circumcising † Heb. *when the people had made an end to be circum-* all the people, that they abode in their places in the campe, *cised.* till they were whole. *|| i. rolling.*

9 And the LORD saide vnto Ioshua, This day haue I rolled away the reproch of Egypt from off you: Wherefore the name of the place is called ||Gilgal vnto this day.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel incamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passeouer, on the fourteenth day of the moneth at euen, in the plaines of Iericho.

11 And they did eate of the olde corne of the land, on the morrow after the Passeouer, vnleauened cakes, and parched *corne* in the selfe same day.

12 ¶ And the Manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corne of the land, neither had the children of Israel Manna any more, but they did eate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that yeere.

13 ¶ And it came to passe when Ioshua was by Iericho, that he lift vp his eyes, and looked, and beholde, there stood *a man ouer against him, with his sword dawen in his hand: *Exod. 23. and Ioshua went vnto him, and said vnto him, Art thou for ^{23.} vs, or for our aduersaries?

|| *Or,*
Prince.

14 And he said, Nay, but *as* || capitaine of the hoste of the LORD am I now come. And Ioshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said vnto him, What saith my Lord vnto his seruant?

* Exod. 3.
5. acts. 7.
33.

15 And the capitaine of the LORDS hoste said vnto Ioshua, * Loose thy shooe from off thy foote, for the place whereon thou standest, is holy: And Ioshua did so.

CHAP. VI.

1 Iericho is shut vp. 2 God instructeth Ioshua how to besiege it.
12 The citie is compassed. 17 It must be accursed. 20 The walles fall downe. 22 Rahab is saued. 26 The builder of Iericho is cursed.

† *Hebr. did*
shut vp,
and was
shut vp.

NOW Iericho † was straitly shut vp, because of the children of Israel: none went out, & none came in.

2 And the LORD said vnto Ioshua, See, I haue giuen into thine hand Iericho, and the King thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour.

3 And ye shall compasse the city, all *yee* men of warre, *and* goe round about the city once: thus shalt thou doe sixe dayes.

4 And seuen Priests shall beare before the Arke seuen trumpets of rams hornes: and the seuenth day *yee* shall compasse the city seuen times, and the Priests shall blow with the trumpets.

† *Hebr. vn-*
der it.

5 And it shall come to passe that when they make a long *blast* with the rammes-horne, *and* when ye heare the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout: and the wall of the citie shall fall downe † flat, and the people shall ascend vp euery man straight before him.

6 ¶ And Ioshua the sonne of Nun called the Priests, and said vnto them, Take vp the Arke of the Couenant, and let seuen Priests beare seuen trumpets of rammes-hornes, before the Arke of the LORD.

7 And he said vnto the people, Passe on, and compasse the city, and let him that is armed passe on before the Arke of the LORD.

8 ¶ And it came to passe when Ioshua had spoken vnto the people, that the seuen Priestes bearing the seuen trumpets of rammes hornes, passed on before the LORD, and blew with
the

trumpets: and the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD followed them.

9 ¶ And the armed men went before the Priests that blew with the trumpets: and the †rereward came after the Arke, ^{† Heb. gathering host} *the Priests* going on, and blowing with the trumpets.

10 And Ioshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor †make any noise with your voice, neither ^{† Heb. make your voyce to be heard.} shall any word proceed out of your mouth, vntill the day I bid you shoute, then shall ye shoute.

11 So the Arke of the LORD compassed the citie, going about *it* once: and they came into the campe, and lodged in the campe.

12 ¶ And Ioshua rose earely in the morning, and the Priests tooke vp the Arke of the LORD.

13 And seuen Priests bearing seuen trumpets of rammes hornes before the Arke of the LORD, went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them, but the rereward came after the Arke of the LORD, *the Priests* going on and blowing with the trumpets.

14 And the second day they compassed the citie once, and returned into the campe: so they did sixe dayes.

15 And it came to passe on the seuenth day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the citie after the same maner, seuen times: only on that day they compassed the citie seuen times.

16 And it came to passe at the seuenth time, when the Priests blewe with the trumpets, Ioshua said vnto the people, Shout, for the LORD hath giuen you the citie.

17 ¶ And the citie shalbe ||accursed, *euen* it, and all that *are* || ^{Or, deuoted.} therein, to the LORD: onely Rahab the harlot shal liue, she, and all that *are* with her in the house, because *she hid the ^{*Chap. 2.} messengers that we sent. 4

18 And you, in any wise keepe your selues from the accursed thing, lest yee make your selues accursed, when yee take of the accursed thing, and make the campe of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

19 But all the siluer, and gold, and vessels of brasse and yron, are †consecrated vnto the LORD: they shall come into ^{† Hebr. holinesse.} the treasurie of the LORD.

20 So the people shouted when the Priests blew with the trumpets: and it came

came to passe when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that *the wall fell downe †flat, so that the people went vp into the citie, euery man straight before him, and they tooke the citie.

* Heb. 11.
30.
† *Hebr. vnder it.*

21 And they vtterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, yong and old, and oxe, and sheepe, and asse, with the edge of the sword.

22 But Ioshua had said vnto the two men that had spied out the countrey; Goe into the harlots house, and bring out thence the woman and all that she hath, *as ye sware vnto her.

* Chap. 2.
14. heb.
11. 31.

23 And the yong men that were spies, went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had: and they brought out all her †kinred, and left them without the campe of Israel.

† *Hebr. families.*

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: onely the siluer & the gold, and the vessels of brasse and of yron, they put into the Treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And Ioshua saued Rahab the harlot aliue, and her fathers household, and all that she had: and she dwelleth in Israel euen vnto this day, because she hid the messengers which Ioshua sent to spy out Iericho.

* 1. King.
16. 34.

26 ¶ And Ioshua adiured *them* at that time, saying, *Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth vp and buildeth this city Iericho: he shall lay the foundation therof in his first borne, and in his yongest *sonne* shall hee set vp the gates of it.

27 So the LORD was with Ioshua, and his fame was noised throughout all the countrey.

CHAP. VII.

1 The Israelites are smitten at Ai. 6 Ioshuas complaint. 10 God instructeth him what to doe. 16 Achan is taken by the Lot. 19 His confession. 22 Hee and all he had are destroyed in the valley of Achor.

* Chap. 22.
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BVt the children of Israel committed a trespasse in the accursed thing: for *Achan the sonne of Carmi, the sonne of Zabdi, the sonne of Zerah, of the tribe of Iudah, tooke of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled

against the children of Israel.

2 And Ioshua sent men from Iericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-auen, on the East side of Bethel, and spake vnto them, saying, Goe vp and view the countrey. And the men went vp, and viewed Ai.

3 And they returned to Ioshua, and said vnto him, Let not all the people goe vp: but let †about two or three thousand †*Heb. about 2000. men: or, about 3000. men.* men goe vp, and smite Ai, and make not all the people to labour thither, for they are but few.

4 So there went vp thither of the people about three thousand men, and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them *from* before the gate euen vnto Shebarim, and smote them in the ||going downe: Wherefore ||*Or, in Morad.* the hearts of the people melted, & became as water.

6 ¶ And Ioshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth vpon his face, before the Arke of the LORD, vntill the euentide, he and the Elders of Israel, and put dust vpon their heads.

7 And Ioshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people ouer Iordan, to deliuer vs into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy vs? Would to God we had bene content, and dwelt on the other side Iordan.

8 Oh LORD! what shall I say, when Israel turneth their †backes before their enemies?

9 For the Canaanites, and all the inhabitants of the land shall heare *of it*, and shall enuiron vs round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou doe vnto thy great Name?

10 ¶ And the LORD saide vnto Ioshua, Get thee vp; wherefore †liest thou thus vpon thy face?

11 Israel hath sinned, and they haue also transgressed my †*Heb. fastest.* Couenant which I commaunded them: for they haue euen taken of the accursed thing, and haue also stollen, and dissembled also, and they haue put it euen amongst their owne stuffe.

12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, *but* turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I bee with you any more, except yee destroy the accursed from amongst you.

13 Vp,

13 Vp, sanctifie the people, and say, Sanctifie your selues against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, vntill ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

14 In the morning therefore ye shal be brought, according to your tribes: and it shall be that the tribe which the LORD taketh, shall come according to the families *thereof*, and the familie which the LORD shall take, shal come by houtholdes: and the houtholdes which the LORD shall take, shal come man by man.

15 And it shalbe that he that is taken with the accursed thing, shall bee burnt with fire, he, and all that hee hath: because he hath transgressed the couenant of the LORD, and because hee hath wrought ||folly in Israel.

|| *Or, wickednesse.*

16 ¶ So Ioshua rose vp earely in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Iudah was taken.

17 And hee brought the familie of Iudah, and he tooke the familie of the Zarhites: and he brought the familie of the Zarhites, man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

18 And hee brought his houthold, man by man, and Achan the sonne of Carmi, the sonne of Zabdi, the sonne of Zerah, of the tribe of Iudah, was taken.

19 And Ioshua said vnto Achan, My sonne, giue, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession vnto him, and tel me now, what thou hast done, hide it not from me.

20 And Achan answered Ioshua, and said, Indeed I haue sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus haue I done.

21 When I saw among the spoiles a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of siluer, and a †wedge of gold of fiftie shekels weight, then I coueted them, and tooke them, and behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the siluer vnder it.

† *Heb. tongue*

22 ¶ So Ioshua sent messengers, and they ran vnto the tent, and behold, it was hid in his tent, and the siluer vnder it.

23 And they tooke them out of the

midst of the tent, and brought them vnto Ioshua, and vnto all the children of Israel, and †laid them out before the LORD. † *Heb. powdered.*

24 And Ioshua and all Israel with him tooke Achan the sonne of Zerah, and the siluer, and the garment, and the wedge of golde, and his sonnes, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheepe, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them vnto the valley of Achor.

25 And Ioshua said, Why hast thou troubled vs? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.

26 And they raised ouer him a great heape of stones vnto this day: so the LORD turned from the fiercenesse of his anger: Wherefore the name of the place was called, The valley of ‖Achor, vnto this day. ‖ *That is, trouble.*

CHAP. VIII.

1 God encourageth Ioshua. 3 The stratageme whereby Ai was taken. 29 The king thereof is hanged. 30 Ioshua buildeth an Altar, 32 writeth the Lawe on stones, 33 propoundeth blessings and cursings.

AND the LORD said vnto Ioshua, *Feare not, neither be thou dismaid: take all the people of warre with thee, and arise, goe vp to Ai: See, I haue giuen into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his citie, and his land. * Deut. 1. 21. & 7. 18.

2 And thou shalt doe to Ai and her king, as thou diddest vnto *Iericho and her king: Onely the spoile thereof and *the cattell thereof shall ye take for a pray vnto your selues: lay thee an ambush for the citie, behind it. * Chap. 6. 21 * Deut. 20 14.

3 ¶ So Ioshua arose, and all the people of warre, to goe vp against Ai: and Ioshua chose out thirtie thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night:

4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the citie, *euen* behind the citie: goe not very farre from the citie, but be ye all ready:

5 And I, and all the people that are with mee, will approach vnto the citie: and it shall come to passe when they come out against vs, as at the first, that we will flee before them,

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6 (For they will come out after vs) till we haue †drawen them from the citie; for they will say, They flee before vs, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them.

7 Then yee shall rise vp from the ambush, and seise vpon the citie: for the LORD your God will deliuer it into your hand.

8 And it shall be when yee haue taken the citie, that ye shall set the citie on fire: according to the commandement of the LORD shall ye do. See, I haue commanded you.

9 ¶ Ioshua therefore sent them foorth, and they went to lie in ambush, and abode betweene Bethel and Ai, on the West side of Ai: but Ioshua lodged that night among the people.

10 And Ioshua rose vp early in the morning, and numbred the people, and went vp; he, and the Elders of Israel, before the people to Ai.

11 And all the people, *euen the people* of warre that were with him, went vp, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the North side of Ai: now there was a valley betweene them and Ai.

12 And he tooke about fīue thousand men, and set them to
|| *Or, of Ai.* lye in ambush betweene Bethel and Ai, on the West side || of the citie.

† *Hebr.*
their lying
in wait.

13 And when they had set the people, *euen* all the hoste that was on the North of the city, and their †liers in wait on the West of the citie: Ioshua went that night into the midst of the valley.

14 ¶ And it came to passe when the King of Ai saw it, that they hasted, and rose vp early, and the men of the citie went out against Israel to battell, hee, and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plaine, but hee wist not that there were liers in ambush against him behind the city.

15 And Ioshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness.

16 And all the people that were in Ai, were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Ioshua, and were drawn away from the city.

17 And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the citie open, and pursued after Israel.

18 And the LORD said vnto Ioshua, Stretch out the speare
that is in

thy hand, toward Ai; for I will giue it into thine hand. And Ioshua stretched out the speare that hee had in his hand, toward the city.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ranne as soone as he had stretched out his hand: and they entred into the city, and tooke it, and hasted, and set the citie on fire.

20 And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and behold, the smoke of the city ascended vp to heauen, and they had no †power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wildernesse, turned backe vpon the pursuers. † Heb. hand.

21 And when Ioshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned againe and slew the men of Ai.

22 And the other issued out of the citie against them, so they were in the midst of Israel; some on this side, and some on that side, and they smote them; so that they *let none of them remaine or escape. * Deut. 7. 2.

23 And the King of Ai they tooke alieue, and brought him to Ioshua.

24 And it came to passe when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai, in the field, in the wildernesse wherein they chased them, and *when* they were all fallen on the edge of the sword, vntill they were consumed, that all the Israelites returned vnto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.

25 And so it was that all that fell that day, both of men and women, *were* twelue thousand, *euen* all the men of Ai.

26 For Ioshua drew not his hand backe wherewith hee stretched out the speare, vntill he had vtterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai.

27 *Onely the cattell, and the spoile of that city Israel *Num. 31. tooke for a pray vnto themselues, according vnto the word of ^{22, 26.} the LORD, which he *commaunded Ioshua. * Verse 2.

28 And Ioshua burnt Ai, and made it an heape for euer, *euen* a desolation vnto this day.

29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree vntil euentide: and assoone as the sunne was downe, Ioshua commaunded that they should take his carkeise downe from the tree, and cast it at the entring of the gate of the citie, and *raise * Chap. 7. thereon 25.

thereon a great heape of stones *that remaineth* vnto this day.

30 ¶ Then Ioshua built an Altar vnto the LORD God of Israel in mount Ebal,

31 As Moses the seruant of the LORD commaunded the children of Israel, as it is written in the *booke of the Law of Moses, an Altar of whole stones, ouer which no man hath lift vp any yron: and they offred thereon burnt offerings vnto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

* Exod. 20.
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27. 5.

32 ¶ And he wrote there vpon the stones a copie of the Lawe of Moses, which hee wrote in the presence of the children of Israel.

33 And all Israel, and their Elders, and Officers, and their Iudges, stood on this side the Arke, and on that side, before the Priests the Levites, which bare the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, aswell the stranger, as he that was borne among them: halfe of them ouer against mount Gerizim, and halfe of them ouer against mount Ebal, *as Moses the seruant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should blesse the people of Israel.

* Deut. 11.
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34 And afterward hee read all the words of the Law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the booke of the Law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Ioshua read not before all the Congregation of Israel, *with the women and the litle ones, and the strangers that †were conuersant among them.

* Deut. 31.
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† Hebr.
walked.

CHAP. IX.

1 The kings combine against Israel. 3 The Gibeonites by craft obtaine a League. 16 For which they are condemned to perpetual bondage.

AND it came to passe when all the kings which were on this side Iordan in the hilles, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea, ouer against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hiuite, and the Iebusite heard *thereof*:

2 That they gathered themselues together to fight with Ioshua, and with Israel, with one †accord.

† Heb.
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3 ¶ And when the inhabitants of

Gibeon heard what Ioshua had done vnto Iericho, and to Ai,

4 They did worke wilily, and went and made as if they had beene embassadours, and tooke old sackes vpon their asses, and wine-bottels, old, and rent, and bound vp,

5 And old shooes and clowted vpon their feet, & olde garments vpon them, and all the bread of their prouision was drie and mouldie.

6 And they went to Ioshua vnto the campe at Gilgal, and said vnto him, and to the men of Israel, Wee be come from a farre countrey: Now therefore make ye a league with vs.

7 And the men of Israel said vnto the Hiuites, Peraduenture yee dwell among vs, and how shall wee make a league with you?

8 And they said vnto Ioshua, Wee *are* thy seruants. And Ioshua said vnto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?

9 And they said vnto him, From a very farre countrey thy seruants are come, because of the Name of the LORD thy God: for wee haue heard the fame of him, and all that hee did in Egypt,

10 And all that hee did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Iordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which *was* at Ashtaroth.

11 Wherefore our Elders and all the inhabitants of our countrey, spake to vs, saying, Take victuals [†]with you for [†]*Hebr. in your hand.* the iourney, and goe to meete them, and say vnto them, Wee *are* your seruants: therefore now make ye a league with vs.

12 This our bread, wee tooke hote for our prouision out of our houses, on the day we came forth to goe vnto you: but now behold, it is dry, & it is mouldy.

13 And these bottels of wine which we filled, *were* new, and behold, they be rent: and these our garments, and our shooes are become old, by reason of the very long iourney.

14 And || the men tooke of their victuals, and asked not || *Or, they received the men by reason of their victuals.* counsell at the mouth of the LORD.

15 And Ioshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them liue: and the princes of the Congregation sware vnto them.

16 ¶ And it came to passe at the end

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of three dayes, after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they *were* their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.

17 And the children of Israel iourneyed, and came vnto their cities on the third day: now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-iearim.

18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the Princes of the Congregation had sworne vnto them by the LORD God of Israel: And all the Congregation murmured against the Princes.

19 But all the Princes said vnto all the Congregation, We haue sworne vnto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.

20 This we will doe to them; wee will euen let them liue, lest wrath be vpon vs, because of the oath which wee sware vnto them.

21 And the Princes said vnto them, Let them liue, (but let them bee hewers of wood, and drawers of water, vnto all the Congregation,) as the Princes had *promised them.

22 ¶ And Ioshua called for them, and he spake vnto them, saying, Wherefore haue ye beguiled vs, saying, We *are* very farre from you? when ye dwell among vs.

† *Hebr. not be cut off from you.* 23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall †none of you bee freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood, and drawers of water, for the house of my God.

* Deut. 7. 1. 24 And they answered Ioshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy seruants, how that the LORD thy God *commanded his seruant Moses to giue you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our liues because of you, and haue done this thing.

25 And now behold, we *are* in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right vnto thee to doe vnto vs, doe.

26 And so did he vnto them, and deliuered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.

27 And Ioshua made them that day, hewers of wood, and drawers of water for the Congregation, and for the Altar of the LORD, euen vnto this day, in the place which he should choose.

CHAP. X.

1 FIVE Kings warre against Gibeon. 6 Ioshua rescueth it. 10 God fighteth against them with hailestones. 12 The Sunne and Moone stand still at the word of Ioshua. 16 The five Kings are mured in a caue. 21 They are brought forth, 24 scornefully vsed, 26 and hanged. 28 Seuen Kings more are conquered. 43 Ioshua returneth to Gilgal.

NOW it came to passe when Adoni-zedek King of Ierusalem, had heard how Ioshua had taken Ai, and had vtterly destroyed it, (*as he had done to Iericho, and her King, so hee had done to *Ai, and her King) and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them, * Chap. 6.
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* Chap. 8.
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2 That they feared greatly because Gibeon *was* a great citie, as †one of the royall cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all the men thereof *were* mighty. † Hebr.
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kingdome.

3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek King of Ierusalem, sent vnto Hoham King of Hebron, and vnto Piram, king of Iarmuth, and vnto Iaphia king of Lachish, and vnto Debir king of Eglon, saying,

4 Come vp vnto me, and helpe me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Ioshua, and with the children of Israel.

5 Therefore the five Kings of the Amorites, the king of Ierusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Iarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselues together, and went vp, they, and all their hostes, and encamped before Gibeon, and made warre against it.

6 ¶ And the men of Gibeon sent vnto Ioshua to the campe to Gilgal, saying, Slacke not thy hand from thy seruants, come vp to vs quickly, and saue vs, and helpe vs: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountaines, are gathered together against vs.

7 So Ioshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of warre with him, and all the mighty men of valour.

8 ¶ And the LORD said vnto Ioshua, Feare them not: for I haue deliuered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

9 Ioshua therefore came vnto them suddenly,

suddenly, *and* went vp from Gilgal all night.

10 And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slewe them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth vp to Bethoron, and smote them to Azekah and vnto Makkedah.

11 And it came to passe as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the going downe to Bethoron, that the LORD cast downe great stones from heauen vpon them, vnto Azekah, and they died: they *were* moe which died with hailestones, then they whome the children of Israel slew with the sword.

12 ¶ Then spake Ioshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD deliuered vp the Amorites before the children of Israel, and hee said in the sight of Israel, *Sunne, †stand thou still vpon Gibeon, and thou Moone in the valley of Aialon.

* Esa. 28.

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† Heb. bee
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13 And the Sunne stood still, and the Moone stayed, vntill the people had auenged themselues vpō their enemies. Is not this written in the booke of ||Iasher? So the Sunne stood still in the midst of heauen, and hasted not to goe downe, about a whole day.

14 And there was no day like that, before it, or after it, that the LORD hearkened vnto the voyce of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

15 ¶ And Ioshua returned, and all Israel with him, vnto the campe to Gilgal.

16 But these fve kings fled, and hid themselues in a caue at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Ioshua, saying, The fve kings are found hid in a caue at Makkedah.

18 And Ioshua said, Roule great stones vpon the mouth of the caue, and set men by it, for to keepe them.

† Heb. cut
off the taile.

19 And stay you not, *but* pursue after your enemies, and †smite the hindmost of them, suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath deliuered them into your hand.

20 And it came to passe when Ioshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest *which* remained of them, entred into fenced cities.

21 And all the people returned to the campe to Ioshua at Makkedah in peace: none mooued his tongue against

any of the children of Israel.

22 Then said Ioshua, Open the mouth of the caue, and bring out those fiue kings vnto me out of the caue.

23 And they did so, and brought forth those fiue kings vnto him out of the caue, the king of Ierusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Iarmuth, the king of Lachish, *and* the king of Eglon.

24 And it came to passe when they brought out those kings vnto Ioshua, that Ioshua called for all the men of Israel, and saide vnto the captaines of the men of war which went with him, Come neere, put your feete vpon the neckes of these kings. And they came neere, and put their feet vpon the necks of them.

25 And Ioshua said vnto them, Feare not, nor be dismaid, bee strong, and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD doe to all your enemies against whom ye fight.

26 And afterward Ioshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on fiue trees: and they were hanging vpon the trees vntill the euening.

27 And it came to passe at the time of the going downe of the Sunne, *that* Ioshua commanded, and they *tooke them ^{* Deut. 21. 23. chap. 8. 29.} downe off the trees, and cast them into the caue, wherein they had beene hid, and laid great stones in the caues mouth, *which remain* vntil this very day.

28 ¶ And that day Ioshua tooke Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof hee vtterly destroyed, them, and all the soules that were therein, he let none remaine: and he did to the king of Makkedah, *as hee ^{* Chap. 6. 21.} did vnto the king of Iericho.

29 Then Ioshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, vnto Libnah, and fought against Libnah.

30 And the LORD deliuered it also and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel, and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the soules that *were* therein: He let none remaine in it, but did vnto the king therof, as he did vnto the king of Iericho.

31 ¶ And Ioshua passed from Libnah and all Israel with him, vnto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it.

32 And the LORD deliuered Lachish into the hande of Israel, which tooke it on the second day, and smote it

with the edge of the sword, and all the soules that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 ¶ Then Horam king of Gezer, came vp to helpe Lachish, and Ioshua smote him and his people, vntill he had left him none remayning.

34 ¶ And from Lachish, Ioshua passed vnto Eglon, and all Israel with him, and they encamped against it, and fought against it.

35 And they tooke it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the soules that *were* therein he vtterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 And Ioshua went vp from Eglon, and all Israel with him, vnto Hebron, and they fought against it.

37 And they tooke it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the soules that *were* therein, he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon: but destroyed it vtterly, and all the soules that *were* therein.

38 ¶ And Ioshua returned, and all Israel with him to Debir, and fought against it.

39 And hee tooke it, and the King thereof, and all the cities thereof, and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and vtterly destroyed all the soules that *were* therein, he left none remayning: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof, as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.

40 ¶ So Ioshua smote all the countrey of the hils, and of the South, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings, hee left none remayning, but vtterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel *commanded.

* Deut. 26.
16, 17.

41 And Ioshua smote them from Kadesh-Barnea, euen vnto Gaza, and all the countrey of Goshen, euen vnto Gibeon.

42 And all these Kings and their land did Ioshua take at one time: because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.

43 And Ioshua returned & al Israel with him, vnto the campe to Gilgal.

CHAP. XI.

1 Diuers Kings ouercome at the waters of Merom. 10 Hazor is taken and burnt. 16 All

the countrey taken by Ioshua. 21 The Anakims cut off.

AND it came to passe, when Iabin king of Hazor had heard *those things*, that hee sent to Iobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, & to the king of Achshaph,

2 And to the kings that *were* on the North of the mountaines, and of the plaines South of Cinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor, on the West;

3 And to the Canaanite on the East and on the West, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Iebusite in the mountaines, and to the Hiuite vnder Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.

4 And they went out, they and all their hostes with them, much people, euen as the sand that *is* vpon the Sea-shore in multitude, with horses and charets very many.

5 And when all these Kings were †met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel. † *Hebr. assembled by appointment.*

6 ¶ And the LORD saide vnto Ioshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliuer them vp al slaine before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burne their charets with fire.

7 So Ioshua came, and all the people of warre with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and they fell vpon them.

8 And the LORD deliuered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them vnto ||great Zidon, and vnto ||Misrephothmaim, and vnto the valley of Mizpeh Eastward, and they smote them, vntill they left them none remayning. || *Or, Zidon-Rabbah.*
|| *Or, salt pits: Hebr. burning of waters.*

9 And Ioshua did vnto them as the LORD bade him: hee houghed their horses, and burnt their charets with fire.

10 ¶ And Ioshua at that time turned backe, and tooke Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdomes.

11 And they smote all the soules that were therein with the edge of the sword, vtterly destroying *them*: there was not †any left to breathe; and he burnt Hazor with fire. † *Hebr. any breath.*

12 And

12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Ioshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, *and* he vtterly destroyed them, * as Moses the seruant of the LORD commanded.

* Num. 33.
52. deut. 7.
2. and 20.
16, 17.

13 But as for the cities that stood still † in their strength, Israel burned none of them, saue Hazor onely; *that* did Ioshua burne.

† *Hebr. on
their heape.*

14 And all the spoile of these cities, and the cattell, the children of Israel tooke for a pray vnto themselues: but euery man they smote with the edge of the sword, vntill they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe.

* Exod. 34
11.
* Deut. 7.
2

15 ¶ * As the LORD commanded Moses his seruant, so * did Moses command Ioshua, and so did Ioshua: hee † left nothing vndone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

† *Heb. he
remoued
nothing.*

16 So Ioshua tooke all that land, the hilles, and all the South countrey, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plaine, and the mountaine of Israel, and the valley of the same:

¶ *Or, the
smoothe
mountaine.*

17 *Euen* from the || mount Halak, that goeth vp to Seir, vnto Baal-Gad, in the valley of Lebanon, vnder mount Hermon: and all their kings he tooke, and smote them, and slew them.

18 Ioshua made warre a long time, with all those kings.

19 There was not a citie that made peace with the children of Israel, * saue the Hiuites the inhabitants of Gibeon; all *other* they tooke in battell.

* Chap. 9.
3

20 For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battell, that he might destroy them vtterly, & that they might haue no fauour: but that hee might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

21 ¶ And at that time came Ioshua and cut off the Anakims from the mountaines, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountaines of Iudah, and from all the mountaines of Israel: Ioshua destroyed *them* vtterly with their cities.

22 There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: onely in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained.

23 So Ioshua tooke the whole land according to all that the LORD saide vnto Moses, and Ioshua gaue it for an inheritance vnto Israel, * according to

* Numb.
26 53.

their diuisions by their tribes: and the land rested from warre.

CHAP. XII.

1 The two kings whose countreys Moses tooke and disposed of.

7 The one and thirty kings on the other side Iordan which Ioshua smote.

NOW these *are* the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Iordan, toward the rising of the Sunne: from the riuier Arnon, vnto mount Hermon, and all the plaine on the East.

2 *Sihon king of the Amorites who dwelt in Heshbon, *and* *Num. 21 ruled from Aroer, which *is* vpon the banke of the riuier of ^{24.} deu. 3. Arnon, and from the middle of the riuier, and from halfe Gilead vnto the riuier Iabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon:

3 And from the plaine, to the Sea of Cinneroth on the East, and vnto the sea of the plaine, *euen* the salt sea on the East, the way to Beth-Ieshimoth: and from the ||South, ||Or, Te-
vnder ||*Ashdoth-Pisgah. *man*

4 ¶ And the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of ||Or, the
the *remnant of the Giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth, and *springs of*
at Edrei, *Pisgah, or*
the hill.

5 And reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, vnto the border of the Geshurites, and the *Deut. 3.
Maachathites, and halfe Gilead, the border of Sihon king ^{17. & 4. 49.}
of Heshbon. *Deut. 3.
^{11. chap.}
^{13. 12.}

6 Them did Moses the seruant of the LORD, and the children of Israel smite, and *Moses the seruant of the *Num. 32.
LORD gaue it for a possession vnto the Reubenites, and ^{29. deut. 3.}
Gadites, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh. ^{12. chap.}
^{13. 8.}

7 ¶ And these are the kings of the countrey which Ioshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Iordan on the West, from Baal Gad in the valley of Lebanon, euen vnto *the mount Halak, that goeth vp to Seir, which Ioshua gaue *Chap. 11.
vnto the tribes of Israel for a possession, according to their ^{17.}
diuisions:

8 In the mountaines and in the valleys, and in the plaines, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the South countrey: the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites.

- * Chap. 6. 9 ¶ *The king of Iericho, one: the *king of Ai, which
 2. *is* beside Bethel, one:
 * Chap. 8. 10 *The king of Ierusalem, one: the king of Hebron,
 29. one:
 * Chap. 10. 11 The king of Iarmuth, one: the king of Lachis, one:
 23. 12 The king of Eglon, one: *the king of Gezer, one:
 * Chap. 10. 13 *The king of Debir, one: the king of Geder, one:
 33. 14 The king of Hormah one: the king of Arad, one:
 * Chap. 10. 15 *The king of Libnah, one: the king of Adullam,
 29. one:
 * Chap. 10. 16 *The king of Makkedah, one: the king of Bethel,
 28. one:
 17 The king of Tappuah, one: the king of Hopher, one:
 ¶ Or, 18 The king of Aphek, one: the king of ¶ Lasharon, one:
 Saron. 19 The king of Madon, one: *the king of Hazer, one:
 * Chap. 11. 20 The king of Shimron-Meron, one: the king of Ach-
 10. shaph, one:
 21 The king of Taanach, one: the king of Megiddo, one:
 22 The king of Kedesh, one: the king of Iokneam of
 Carmel, one:
 23 The king of Dor, in the coast of Dor, one: the king
 of *the nations of Gilgal, one:
 * Genes. 24 The king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirtie and
 14. 1. one.

CHAP. XIII.

- 1 The bounds of the land not yet conquered. 8 The inheritance of
 the two Tribes and halfe. 14. 33 The Lord and his sacrifices,
 are the inheritance of Leui. 15 The bounds of the inheritance of
 Reuben. 22 Balaam slaine. 24 The bounds of the inheritance of
 Gad, 29 and of the halfe tribe of Manasseh.

† *Hebr. to possesse it.*
NOW Ioshua was old *and* stricken in yeeres, *and* the
 LORD saide vnto him; Thou art old, *and* stricken in
 yeres, and there remaineth yet very much land †to bee
 possessed.

2 This *is* the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of
 the Philistines, and all Geshuri,

3 From Sihor, which is before Egypt, euen vnto the borders
 of Ekron Northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite:
 fūe lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ash-
 dothites,

the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; Also the Auites.

4 From the South, all the land of the Canaanites, and ||Mearah that is beside the Sidonians, vnto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites: ^{† Or, the caue.}

5 And the land of the Giblites, and al Lebanon toward the Sunne rising, from Baal-Gad vnder mount Hermon, vnto the entring into Hamath.

6 All the inhabitants of the hill countrey, from Lebanon vnto Misrephothmaim, *and* all the Sidonians, them will I driue out from before the children of Israel: onely diuide thou it by lot vnto the Israelites, for an inheritance, as I haue commanded thee.

7 Now therefore, diuide this land for an inheritance vnto the nine tribes, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh,

8 With whom the Reubenites, and the Gadites haue receiued their inheritance, * which Moses gaue them, beyond Jordan Eastward, *euen* as Moses the seruant of the LORD gaue them: <sup>* Num. 32.
33. deut. 3.
13. chap.
22 4.</sup>

9 From Aroer that is vpon the banke of the riuer Arnon, and the citie that is in the middest of the riuer, and all the plaine of Medeba vnto Dibon:

10 And all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, vnto the border of the children of Ammon:

11 And Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites, and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan vnto Salcah:

12 All the kingdome of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of * the remnant of the giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out. <sup>* Deut. 3.
11. chap.
12. 4.</sup>

13 Neuerthelesse, the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites dwel among the Israelites vntill this day.

14 Onely vnto the tribe of Leui hee gaue none inheritance: the sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire, are their inheritance, as he said vnto them.

15 ¶ And Moses gaue vnto the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance* according to their families:

16 And their coast was from Aroer that is on the banke of the riuer Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the riuer,

uer, and all the plaine by Medeba.

17 Heshbon and all her cities that are in the plaine:

|| Or, the
high places
of Baal,
and house
of Baal-
meon.

Dibon, and || Bamoth-Baal, and Beth-Baalmeon,

18 And Iahazah, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath,

19 And Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth-shahar, in the mount of the valley,

* Deut. 3.

20 And Bethpeor, and * || Ashdoth-Pisgah, and Beth-ieshimoth:

17.

|| Or,
springs of
Pisgah or
the hill.

21 And all the cities of the plaine, and all the kingdome of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote * with the princes of Midian, Eui, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, which were dukes of Sihon, dwelling in the countrey.

* Num. 31.

8.

|| Or,
diuiner

22 ¶ Balaam also the sonne of Beor the || Sooth-sayer did the children of Israel slay with the sword, among them that were slaine by them.

23 And the border of the children of Reuben, was Iordan and the border *therof*: This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities, and villages thereof.

24 And Moses gaue *inheritance* vnto the tribe of Gad, *euen* vnto the children of Gad, according to their families:

25 And their coast was Iazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and halfe the land of the children of Ammon, vnto Aroer that is before Rabbah:

26 And from Heshbon vnto Ramath-Mizpeh, and Betonim: and from Mahanaim vnto the border of Debir.

27 And in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon the rest of the kingdome of Sihon king of Heshbon, Iordan, and *his* border; *euen* vnto the edge of the sea of Cinneroth, on the other side Iordan Eastward.

28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families: the cities and their villages.

29 ¶ And Moses gaue *inheritance* vnto the halfe tribe of Manasseh: and *this* was the *possession* of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, by their families.

30 And their coast was frō Mahanaim all Bashan, all the kingdome of Og king of Bashan, and all the townes of Iair, which are in Bashan, threescore cities:

31 And halfe Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og

in Bashan, *were pertaining* vnto the children of Machir the sonne of Manasseh, *euen* to the one halfe of the *children *Num. 32. of Machir by their families. 39.

32 These are the *countrieys* which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plaines of Moab, on the other side Iordan by Iericho Eastward.

33 *But vnto the tribe of Leui Moses gaue not *any* in- *Chap. 18. heritance: the LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, 7. *Num. 18. *as he said vnto them. 20.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The nine tribes and a halfe are to haue their inheritance by lot.

6 Caleb by priuiledge obtaineth Hebron.

AND these *are the countrieys* which the children of Israel inherited in the lande of Canaan, *which Eleazar the *Num. 34. Priest, & Ioshua the sonne of Nun, and the heads of the 17. fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel distributed for inheritance to them:

2 *By lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded *Num. 26 by the hande of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the 55. & 33. halfe tribe. 54.

3 For Moses had giuen the inheritance of two tribes and an halfe tribe, on the other side Iordan: but vnto the Leuites hee gaue none inheritance among them.

4 For the children of Ioseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gaue no part vnto the Leuites in the land, saue cities to dwell *in*, with their suburbs for their cattell, and for their substance.

5 *As the LORD commaunded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they diuided the land. *Num. 35 2. chap.

6 ¶ Then the children of Iudah came vnto Ioshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh the Kenezite, said vnto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said vnto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee, in Kadesh Barnea. 21. 2.

7 Fourtie yeeres olde *was* I when Moses the seruant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea, to espie out the land, and I brought him worde againe, as it was in mine heart.

8 Neuerthelesse, my brethren that went vp with me, made the heart of the people

* Num. 14. people melt : but I wholly * followed the LORD my God.

24. 9 And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet haue troden, shall be thine inheritance, and thy childrens for euer, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God.

† *Hebr. walked.* 10 And now beholde, the LORD hath kept me aliuie, as he said, these forty and fīue yeres, euen since the LORD spake this word vnto Moses, while the children of Israel † wandered in the wilderness: and now loe, I am this day fourescore and fīue yeeres old.

* Ecclus. 46. 9. 11 * As yet I am as strong this day, as *I was* in the day that Moses sent mee: as my strength was then, euen so is my strength now, for warre, both to goe out and to come in.

12 Now therefore giue mee this mountaine, whereof the LORD spake in that day, (for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great and fenced) if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall bee able to driue them out, as the LORD said.

13 And Ioshua blessed him, and gaue vnto Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh, Hebron for an inheritance.

* Chap. 21. 12. 1. macc. 2. 56. 14 * Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh the Kenezite vnto this day: because that hee wholly followed the LORD God of Israel.

* Chap. 15. 13. 15 And * the name of Hebron before, *was* Kiriath-Arba, which *Arba* was a great man among the Anakims: and the land had rest from warre.

CHAP. XV.

1 The borders of the lot of Iudah. 13 Calebs portion and conquest.
16 Othniel for his valour, hath Achsah Calebs daughter to wife.
18 Shee obtaineth a blessing of her father. 21 The Cities of Iudah.
63 The Iebusites not conquered.

* Num. 34. 3. * Num. 33. 36. **T**His then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Iudah by their families, * *euen* to the border of Edom; the * wilderness of Zin Southward, *was* the vttermost part of the South coast:

2 And their South border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the † bay that looketh Southward.

† *Hebr. tongue.*

3 And it went out to the Southside to ||Maalehacrabbim, ^{|| Or, the going up to Acrabbim.} and passed along to Zin, and ascended vp on the Southside vnto Kadesh-Barnea: and passed along to Hezron, and went vp to Adar, and fetched a compasse to Karkaa.

4 From thence it passed toward Azmon, and went out vnto the riuer of Egypt, and the goings out of that coast were at the sea: this shalbe your South coast.

5 And the East border was the salt Sea, euen vnto the end of Iordan: and their border in the North quarter, *was* from the bay of the sea, at the vttermost part of Iordan.

6 And the border went vp to Beth-hogla, and passed along by the North of Beth-arabah, and the border went vp to the stone of Bohan the sonne of Reuben.

7 And the border went vp toward Debir from the valley of Achor, and so Northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before the going vp to Adummim, which *is* on the Southside of the riuer: and the border passed towards the waters of Enshemesh, and the goings out thereof were *at En-^{* 1. King. 1. 9.} Rogel.

8 And the border went vp by the valley of the sonne of Hinnom, vnto the South side of the Iebusite, the same is Ierusalem: and the border went vp to the top of the mountaine, that *lieth* before the valley of Hinnom, Westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants, Northward.

9 And the border was drawn from the top of the hill vnto the fountaine of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron, and the border was drawn to Baalah, which is Kiriath-iearim.

10 And the border compassed from Baalah Westward vnto mount Seir, and passed along vnto the side of mount Iearim, (which *is* Chesalon) on the North side, and went downe to Bethshemesh, and passed on to Timnah.

11 And the border went out vnto the side of Ekron Northward: and the border was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out vnto Iabneel; and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

12 And the West border was to the great sea, and the coast *therof*: this *is* the coast of the children of Iudah round about, according to their families.

13 ¶ And

13 ¶ And vnto Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh, he gaue a part among the children of Iudah, according to the cōmandement of the LORD to Ioshua, *euen* *||the citie of Arba the father of Anak, which *citie* is Hebron.

14 And Caleb droue thence *the three sonnes of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak.

15 And he went vp thence to the inhabitants of Debir : and the name of Debir before was Kiriath-Sepher.

16 ¶ And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kiriath-Sepher, and taketh it, to him will I giue Achsah my daughter to wife.

17 And Othniel the sonne of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, tooke it : and hee gaue him Achsah his daughter to wife.

18 And it came to passe as shee came *vnto him*, that she moued him to aske of her father a field, and she lighted off her asse ; and Caleb said vnto her, What wouldest thou ?

19 Who answered, Giue mee a blessing ; for thou hast giuen mee a Southland, giue me also springs of water ; and he gaue her the vpper springs, and the nether springs.

20 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Iudah according to their families.

21 And the vttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Iudah toward the coast of Edom Southward, were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Iagur,

22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,

23 And Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan,

24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth,

25 And Hazor, Hadattah, and Keriath : *and* Hezron, which *is* Hazor,

26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,

27 And Hazar-Gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet,

28 And Hazarshual, and Beersheba, and Biziothiah,

29 Baalah, and Iim, and Azem,

30 And Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah,

31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah,

32 And Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon : all the cities *are* twentie and nine, with their villages.

33 *And* in the valley, Esthaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah,

* Chap. 14.

15.

|| Or, Kiriath-arba.

* Judg. 1.

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34 And Zanoah, and Engannim, Tappuah, and Enam,
 35 Iarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah,
 36 And Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, ||and Ge- || *Or, or.*
 derothaim: fourteene cities with their villages.

37 Zenam, and Hadashah, & Migdalgad,
 38 And Dileam, and Mizpeh, and Ioktheel,
 39 Lachish, and Bozkath, & Eglon,
 40 And Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish,
 41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Mak-
 kedah: sixteene cities with their villages.

42 Lebnah, and Ether, and Ashan,
 43 And Iiphta, and Ashnah, and Nezib,
 44 And Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities
 with their villages.

45 Ekron with her townes, and her villages.
 46 From Ekron euen vnto the sea, all that lay †neere † *Hebr. by*
 Ashdod, with their villages. *the place of.*

47 Ashdod with her townes and her villages, Gaza with her
 townes and her villages, vnto the riuer of Egypt, and the
 great sea and the border *thereof.*

48 ¶ And in the mountaines, Shamir, and Iattir, and
 Socoh,

49 And Dannah, & Kiriath-Sannath, which is Debir,
 50 And Anab, and Ashtemoh, and Anim,
 51 And Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh: eleuen cities with
 their villages.

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean,

53 And || Ianum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah,

54 And Humtah, and * Kiriatharba (which is Hebron) and
 Zior, nine cities with their villages. *|| Or, Iams.*
** Chap. 14.*

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Iuttah,

56 Ind Iezreel, and Iokdeam, and Zanoah,

57 Cain, Gibbeah, and Timnah: ten cities with their
 villages.

58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor,

59 And Maarah, and Bethanoth, & Eltekon: six cities with
 their villages.

60 Kiriath-baal, which is Kiriath-iearim, and Rabbah: two
 cities with their villages.

61 ¶ In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah,
62 And Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and Engedi: six
cities with their villages.

63 As for the Iebusites the inhabitants of Ierusalem, the
children of Iudah could not driue them out: but the Iebusites
dwell with the children of Iudah at Ierusalem vnto this day.

CHAP. XVI.

1 The generall borders of the sonnes of Ioseph. 5 The border of the
inheritance of Ephraim. 10 The Canaanites not conquered.

† Hebr.
went
foorth.

And the lot of the children of Ioseph † fell from Iordan by
Iericho, vnto the water of Iericho on the East, to the
wildernesse that goeth vp from Iericho throughout mount
Bethel;

* Iudg. 1.
26.

2 And goeth out from Bethel to *Luz, and passeth along
vnto the borders of Archi, to Ataroth,

3 And goeth downe Westward, to the coast of Iaphleti,
vnto the coast of Bethoron the nether, and to Gezer: and
the goings out thereof are at the Sea.

4 So the children of Ioseph, Manasseh, and Ephraim, tooke
their inheritance.

5 ¶ And the border of the children of Ephraim according
to their families, was *thus*: euen the border of their in-
heritance on the East side was Ataroth-Addar, vnto Bethoron
the vpper.

6 And the border went out toward the Sea, to Michmethah
on the Northside, and the border went about Eastward vnto
Taanath Shiloh, and passed by it on the East to Ianohah:

7 And it went downe from Ianohah to Ataroth and to
Naarath, and came to Iericho, and went out at Iordane.

8 The border went out from Tappuah Westward vnto the
riuer Kanah: and the goings out thereof were at the Sea.
This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim
by their families.

9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim *were*
among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the
cities with their villages.

10 And they draue not out the Ca-

naanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephramites vnto this day, and serue vnder tribute.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The lot of Manasseh. 8 His coast. 12 The Canaanites not driuen out. 14 The children of Ioseph obtaine another lot.

THere was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh; (*for *Gene. 41. hee was the first borne of Ioseph) *to wit*, for Machir 51. and 46. the first borne of Manasseh the father of Gilead: because he 20. and 50. *was* a man of warre, therefore hee had Gilead and Bashan. 23. num. 32. 39.

2 There was also *a lot* for *the rest of the children of *Num. 26. Manasseh by their families; for the children of Abiezer, and 29. for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida: these *were* the male children of Manasseh, the sonne of Ioseph by their families.

3 ¶ But *Zelophehad the sonne of Hephher, the sonne *Num. 26. of Gilead, the sonne of Machir, the sonne of Manasseh, 33. and 27. had no sonnes but daughters: And these *are* the names of 1. and 36. 2 his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

4 And they came neere before Eleazar the Priest, and before Ioshua the sonne of Nun, and before the Princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to giue vs an inheritance among our brethren: therefore according to the commaundement of the LORD, hee gaue them an inheritance among the brethren of their father.

5 And there fel ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which *were* on the other side Iordan;

6 Because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sonnes: and the rest of Manassehs sonnes had the land of Gilead.

7 ¶ And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that lieth before Shechem, and the border went along on the right hand, vnto the inhabitants of Entappuah.

8 *Now* Manasseh had the land of Tappuah: but Tappuah
o n the bor-
der

der of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim.

|| Or, brooke
of reeds.

9 And the coast descended vnto the ||riuer Kanah, Southward of the riuer: these cities of Ephraim *are* among the cities of Manasseh: the coast of Manasseh also *was* on the North side of the riuer, and the outgoings of it were at the Sea.

10 Southward *it was* Ephraims, and Northward *it was* Manassehs, and the sea is his border, and they met together in Asher on the North, and in Issachar on the East.

11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher, Bethshean & her townes, and Ibleam and her townes, and the inhabitants of Dor and her townes, and the inhabitants of Endor and her townes, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her townes, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her townes, euen three countreyes.

12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not driue out *the inhabitants* of those cities, but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

13 Yet it came to passe when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute: but did not vtterly driue them out.

14 And the children of Ioseph spake vnto Ioshua, saying, Why hast thou giuen me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?

15 And Ioshua answered them, If thou be a great people, then get thee vp to the wood *countrey*, and cut downe for thy selfe there in the land of the Perizzites, and of the ||giants, if mount Ephraim be too narrow for thee.

|| Or, Re-
phaim.

16 And the children of Ioseph saide, The hill is not enough for vs: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the lande of the valley, haue charrets of yron, both they who *are* of Bethshean and her townes, and they who *are* of the valley of Iezreel.

17 And Ioshua spake vnto the house of Ioseph, *euen* to Ephraim, and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: Thou shalt not haue one lot *onely*.

18 But the mountaine shalbe thine, for it is a wood, and thou shalt cut it downe: and the outgoings of it shalbe thine: for thou shalt driue out the Cana-

anites, though they haue yron charets, *and* though they *be* strong.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The Tabernacle is set vp at Shiloh. 2 The remainder of the land is described, and diuided into seuen parts. 10 Ioshua diuideth it by lot. 11 The lot and border of Benjamin. 21 Their cities.

AND the whole Congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, & set vp the Tabernacle of the Congregation there, and the land was subdued before them.

2 And there remained among the children of Israel seuen tribes, which had not yet receiued their inheritance.

3 And Ioshua said vnto the children of Israel, How long are you slacke to goe to possesse the lande which the LORD God of your fathers hath giuen you?

4 Giue out from among you three men, for *each* tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, & goe through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them, and they shal come *again*e to me.

5 And they shall diuide it into seuen parts: Iudah shall abide in their coast on the South, and the house of Ioseph shall abide in their coasts on the North.

6 Ye shall therfore describe the land *into* seuen parts, and bring *the description* hither to me: that I may cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

7 But the Leuites haue no part among you, for the Priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance: and Gad and Reuben, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh, haue receiued their inheritance beyond Iordan on the East, which Moses the seruant of the LORD gaue them.

8 ¶ And the men arose, and went away: and Ioshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Goe, and walke through the land, & describe it, and come *again*e to me, that I may here cast lots for you, before the LORD in Shiloh.

9 And the men went, and passed thorow the land, and described it by cities, into seuen parts in a booke, and came *again*e to Ioshua to the hoste at Shiloh.

10 ¶ And

10 ¶ And Ioshua cast lots for them in Shiloh, before the LORD: and there Ioshua diuided the land vnto the children of Israel according to their diuisions.

11 ¶ And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came vp according to their families: and the coast of their lot came foorth betweene the children of Iudah, and the children of Ioseph.

12 And their border on the Northside was from Iordan, and the border went vp to the side of Iericho, on the North side, and went vp through the mountaines Westward, and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-auen.

13 And the border went ouer from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, (which is Bethel) Southward, and the border descended to Ataroth-Adar, neere the hill that *lieth* on the South side of the nether Beth-horon.

14 And the border was drawn *thence*, and compassed the corner of the Sea Southward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon Southward: and the goings out thereof were at Kiriath-baal (which is Kiriath-iearim) a city of the children of Iudah: This was the West quarter.

15 And the South quarter was from the end of Kiriath-iearim, & the border went out on the West, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah.

16 And the border came downe to the end of the mountaine, that *lieth* before the valley of the sonne of Hinnom, *and* which is in the valley of the Giants on the North, and descended to the valley of Hinnom to the side of Iebusi on the South, and descended to En-Rogel,

17 And was drawn frō the North, and went foorth to Enshemesh, and went foorth toward Geliloth, which is ouer against the going vp of Adummim, and descended to *the stone of Bohan the sonne of Reuben,

18 And passed along toward the side ouer against Arabah Northward, and went downe vnto || Arabah.

19 And the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah Northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the North †bay of the salt Sea at the South end of Iordane: This *was* the South coast.

20 And Iordane was the border of

* Chap. 15.
6.

|| Or, the
plaine.

† Hebr.
tongue.

it on the East side: this *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families, were Iericho, and Bethhoglah, and the valley of Keziz,

22 And Betharabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel,

23 And Auim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

24 And Chephar-Haammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba, twelve cities with their villages.

25 Gibeon, and Ramah, and Beeroth,

26 And Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and Mozah,

27 And Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah,

28 And Zela, Eleph, and Iebusi, (which is Ierusalem) Gibeath, and Kiriath, foureteene cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

CHAP. XIX.

1 The lot of Simeon, 10 Of Zebulun, 17 Of Issachar, 24 Of Asher, 32 Of Naphtali, 40 Of Dan. 46 The children of Ifrael giue an inheritance to Ioshua.

AND the second lot came foorth to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Iudah.

2 And they had in their inheritance Beer-sheba, or Sheba, and Moladah,

3 And Hazarshual, and Balah, and Azem,

4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

5 And Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah,

6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhén: thirteene cities and their villages.

7 Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan: foure cities and their villages,

8 And all the villages that were round about these cities, to Baalath-Beer, Ramath of the South: This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9 Out of the portion of the children of Iudah *was* the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of the children of Iudah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

10 ¶ And the third lot came vp for the children of Zebulun, according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was vnto Sarid.

11 And their border went vp toward the Sea, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the riuer that *is* before Iokneam,

12 And turned from Sarid Eastward, toward the Sunne rising, vnto the border of Chisloth Tabor, and then goeth out to Daberath, and goeth vp to Iaphia,

13 And from thence passeth on along on the East to Gittah-Hepher, to Ittah-Kazin, and goeth out to Remmon ¶ Methoar to Neah.

¶ Or, which
is drawn.

14 And the border compasseth it on the North side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are in the valley of Iiphthah-el.

15 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelue cities with their villages.

16 This *is* the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 ¶ And the fourth lot came out to Issachar for the children of Issachar according to their families.

18 And their border was toward Izreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem,

19 And Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath,

20 And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez,

21 And Remeth, and Engannim, and Enhaddah, and Beth-pazzez.

22 And the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimath, and Bethshemesh, and the outgoings of their border were at Iordan, sixteene cities with their villages.

23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities, and their villages.

24 ¶ And the fift lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families.

25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph,

26 And Alammelech, and Amad, and Misheal, and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to Shihor-Libnath,

27 And turneth toward the Sunne rising to Beth-dagon, and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of of Iiphtah-el toward the Northside of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out to Cabul on the left hand,

28 And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, *euen* vnto great Zidon :

29 And *then* the coast turneth to Ramah, and to the strong citie †Tyre, and the coast turneth to Hosah: and the out-^{†Heb.}goings thereof are at the Sea from the coast to Achzib. ^{Tzor.}

30 Vmmah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twentie and two cities with their villages.

31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 ¶ The sixt lot came out to the children of Naphtali: *euen* for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

33 And their coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami, Nekeb, and Iabneel vnto Lakum: and the outgoings thereof were at Iordan.

34 And then the coast turneth westward to Aznoth-Tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hukkok, and reacheth to Zebulun on the Southside, and reacheth to Asher on the Westside, and to Iudah vpon Iordan toward the Sun rising.

35 And the fenced cities are Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Cinnereth,

36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor,

37 And Kedesh, and Edrei, and Enhazor,

38 And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Bethanah, and Bethshemesh, nineteene cities with their villages.

39 This *is* the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages.

40 ¶ And the seuenth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families:

41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Irshemesh,

Y

42 And

42 And Shaalabbin, and Aialon, and Iethlah,

43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,

44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalah,

45 And Iehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon,

46 And Meiarkon, and Rakkon, with the border || before || Iapho.

47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out *too little* for them: therefore the children of Dan went vp to fight against Leshem, and tooke it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, *Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 ¶ When they had made an end of diuiding the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gaue an inheritance to Ioshua the sonne of Nun among them:

50 According to the word of the LORD, they gaue him the citie which he asked, euen *Timnath-Serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the citie, and dwelt therein.

51 *These are the inheritances which Eleazar the Priest, and Ioshua the sonne of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, diuided for an inheritance by lot, in Shiloh before the LORD, at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation: so they made an end of diuiding the countrey.

CHAP. XX.

1 God commandeth, 7 and the children of Israel appoint the sixe cities of Refuge.

THE LORD also spake vnto Ioshua, saying,
2 Speake to the children of Israel, saying, * Appoint out for you cities of refuge, whereof I spake vnto you by the hand of Moses:

3 That the slayer that killeth any person vnawares *and* vnwittingly, may flee thither: and they shall be your refuge from the auenger of blood.

4 And when he that doeth flee vnto one of those cities, shall stand at the en-

tring of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in the eares of the Elders of that citie; they shall take him into the citie vnto them, and giue him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 And if the auenger of blood pursue after him, then they shal not deliuer the slayer vp into his hand: because hee smote his neighbour vnwittingly, and hated him not before-time.

6 And hee shall dwell in that citie, vntill he stand before the Congregation for iudgement, *and* * vntill the death of the ^{* Num. 35.} high Priest that shall bee in those dayes: then shall the slayer ^{25.} returne, and come vnto his owne city, and vnto his owne house, vnto the citie from whence he fled.

7 ¶ And they †appointed Kedesh in Galilee, in mount †*Hebr.* Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba *sanctified.* (which is Hebron) in the mountaine of Iudah.

8 And on the other side Iordan by Iericho Eastward, they assigned * Bezer in the wilderness vpon the plaine, out of ^{* Deut. 4.} the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe ^{43. 1. chro. 6. 78.} of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person at vnawares might flee thither, & not die by the hand of the auenger of blood, vntill he stood before the Congregation.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Eight and fortie cities giuen by lot, out of the other tribes, vnto the Leuites. 43 God gaue the land, and rest vnto the Israelites, according to his promise.

THen came neere the heads of the fathers of the Leuites vnto Eleazar the Priest, and vnto Ioshua the sonne of Nun, and vnto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel.

2 And they spake vnto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, * The LORD commaunded by the hand of Moses, to ^{* Num. 35.} giue vs Cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our ^{2.} cattell.

3 And the children of Israel gaue vnto the Leuites out of
their inheri-
tance

tance at the commandement of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the Priest, *which were* of the Leuites, had by lot out of the tribe of Iudah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteene cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kohath *had* by lot, out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the halfe tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteene cities.

7 The children of Merari by their families, *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelue cities.

8 And the children of Israel gaue by lot vnto the Leuites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

9 ¶ And they gaue out of the tribe of the children of Iudah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* † mentioned by name,

† *Hebr. called.*

10 Which the children of Aaron being of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Leui, had: (for theirs was the first lot.)

¶ *Or, Kiriath-arbah.*

11 And they gaue them ||the citie of Arbah the father of Anak (*which citie* is Hebron) in the hill countrey of Iudah, with Ƴ suburbs thereof round about it.

12 But the fields of the citie, and the villages thereof, gaue they to *Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh, for his possession.

* Chap. 14
14. 1. chro.
6. 56.

13 ¶ Thus they gaue to the children of Aaron the Priest Hebron with her suburbs *to bee* a citie of refuge for the slayer, and Libnah with her suburbs,

14 And Iattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoa with her suburbs:

15 And Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs:

16 And Ain with her suburbs, and Iuttah with her suburbs, and Bethshemesh with her suburbs, nine cities out of those two tribes.

17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with her suburbs,

18 Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her suburbs, foure cities.

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron the Priests, were thirteene cities with their suburbs.

20 ¶ And the families of the children of Kohath the Leuites, which remained of the children of Kohath, euen they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 For they gaue them Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a citie of refuge for the slayer: and Gezer with her suburbs,

22 And Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs, foure cities.

23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, Gibethon with her suburbs,

24 Aijalon with her suburbs, Gathrimmon, with her suburbs: foure cities.

25 And out of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gathrimmon with her suburbs, two cities.

26 All the cities were ten with their suburbs, for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

27 ¶ And vnto the children of Gershon of the families of the Leuites, out of the *other* halfe tribe of Manasseh, *they gaue* Golan in Bashan, with her suburbs, *to be* a citie of refuge for the slayer: and Beeshterah with her suburbs, two cities.

28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her suburbs,

29 Iarmuth with her suburbs, Engannim with her suburbs, foure cities.

30 And out of the tribe of Asher Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs,

31 Helkah with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs, foure cities.

32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be* a citie of refuge for the slayer, and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs, three cities.

33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 ¶ And vnto the families of the children of Merari the rest of the Leuites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Iokneam, with her suburbs, and

Kartah with her suburbs,

35 Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs,
four cities.

36 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs,
and Iahazah with her suburbs,

37 Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her
suburbs, four cities.

38 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with
her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and
Mahanaïm with her suburbs,

39 Heshbon with her suburbs, Iazer with her suburbs, four
cities in all.

40 So all the cities for the children of Merari by their
families, which were remayning of the families of the Leuites,
were by their lot, twelue cities.

41 All the cities of the Leuites within the possession of the
children of Israel, were fourty and eight cities, with their
suburbs.

42 These cities were euery one with their suburbs round
about them: thus were all these cities.

43 ¶ And the LORD gaue vnto Israel all the land which hee
sware to giue vnto their fathers: and they possessed it, and
dwelt therein.

44 And the LORD gaue them rest round about, according
to all that he sware vnto their fathers, and there stood not a
man of all their enemies before them: the LORD deliuered
all their enemies into their hand.

*Chap. 23.
14, 15.

45 *There failed not ought of any good thing which the
LORD had spoken vnto the house of Israel: all came to passe.

CHAP. XXII.

1 The two Tribes and halfe with a blessing are sent home. 9 They
build the Altar of Testimony, in their iourney. 11 The Israelites
are offended thereat. 21 They giue them good satisfaction.

THen Ioshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and
the halfe tribe of Manasseh,

2 And said vnto them, Yee haue kept all that Moses the
seruant of the LORD commanded you, and haue obeyed my
voyce in all that I commanded you.

3 Yee haue not left your brethren these many dayes vnto
this day, but

haue kept the charge of the commandement of the LORD your God.

4 And now the LORD your God hath giuen rest vnto your brethren, as hee promised them: therefore now returne yee, and get yee vnto your tents, and vnto the land of your possession, * which Moses the seruant of the LORD gaue you on the other side Iordane.

5 But take diligent heed, to doe the Commandement and the Law, which Moses the seruant of the LORD charged you, * to loue the LORD your God, and to walke in all his wayes, and to keepe his Commaundements, and to cleaue vnto him, and to serue him with all your heart, and with all your soule.

* Num. 32.

33. chap.

13. 8.

* Deut. 10.

12.

6 So Ioshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went vnto their tents.

7 ¶ Now to the *one* halfe of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had giuen *possession* in Bashan: but vnto the *other* halfe therof gaue Ioshua among their brethren on this side Iordane Westward. And when Ioshua sent them away also vnto their tents, then hee blessed them,

8 And he spake vnto them, saying; Returne with much riches vnto your tents, and with very much cattell, with siluer and with gold, and with brasse, and with iron, and with very much raiment: Diuide the spoile of your enemies with your brethren.

9 ¶ And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh which *is* in the land of Canaan, to goe vnto the countrey of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

10 ¶ And when they came vnto the borders of Iordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Iordan, a great altar to see to.

11 ¶ And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh, haue built an altar ouer against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Iordan, at the passage of the children of Israel.

12 And

12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole Congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselues together at Shiloh, to goe vp to warre against them.

13 And the children of Israel sent vnto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the halfe tribe of Manasseh into the lande of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the Priest,

† *Heb.*
house of
the father.

14 And with him ten princes, of ech † chiefe house a prince, throughout all the tribes of Israel, and each one was an head of the house of their fathers, among the thousands of Israel.

15 ¶ And they came vnto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the halfe tribe of Manasseh vnto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying,

16 Thus saith the whole Congregation of the LORD, What trespasse is this that ye haue committed against the God of Israel, to turne away this day from following the LORD, in that ye haue builded you an altar, that yee might rebell this day against the LORD?

* Num. 25.
4.

17 Is the iniquitie * of Peor too litle for vs, frōm which we are not cleansed vntil this day, (although there was a plague in the Congregation of the LORD)

18 But that ye must turne away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, *seeing* yee rebell to day against the LORD, that to morrow he will be wroth with the whole Congregation of Israel.

19 Notwithstanding, if the lande of your possession be vncleane, then passe yee ouer vnto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORDS Tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among vs: but rebell not against the LORD, nor rebell against vs, in building you an altar, beside the Altar of the LORD our God.

20 Did not Achan the sonne of Zerah commit a trespasse in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on * all the Congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquitie.

* Chap. 7.
1, 5.

21 ¶ Then the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh, answered and saide vnto the Heads of the thousands of Israel,

22 The LORD God of gods, the

LORD God of gods, hee knoweth, and Israel he shall know, if *it bee* in rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (saue vs not this day,)

23 That wee haue built vs an altar to turne from following the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt offering, or meat offering, or if to offer peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himselfe require *it* ;

24 And if we haue not rather done it for feare of this thing, saying, †In time to come your children might speake vnto † *Hebr. to morrow.* our children, saying, What haue you to doe with the LORD God of Israel?

25 For the LORD hath made Iordan a border betweene vs and you, yee children of Reuben, and children of Gad, yee haue no part in the LORD: so shal your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD:

26 Therefore we said, Let vs now prepare to build vs an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice,

27 But that it may bee *a witnesse betweene vs and you, *Gen. 31. and our generations after vs, that we might do the seruice of 48. chap. the LORD before him with our burnt offrings, and with our 24 27. ver. sacrifices, and with our peace offerings, that your children 34. may not say to our children in time to come, Ye haue no part in the LORD.

28 Therefore said we, that it shalbe, when they should so say to vs, or to our generations in time to come, that wee may say *again*e, Beholde the paterne of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offrings, nor for sacrifices, but it *is* a witnes betweene vs and you.

29 God forbid that we should rebell against the LORD, and turne this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meate offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the Altar of the LORD our God that *is* before his Tabernacle.

30 ¶ And when Phinehas the Priest and the Princes of the Congregation, and Heads of the thousands of Israel which were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad, and the children of Manasseh spake, †it pleased them.

31 And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the Priest said vnto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day † *Hebr. it was good in their eyes.*

† *Hebr.*
Then.

we perceiue that the LORD is among vs, because ye haue not committed this trespasse against the LORD: † now ye haue deliuered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.

32 ¶ And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the Priest, and the Princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, vnto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, & brought them word againe.

33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel, and the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to goe vp against them in battel, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

¶ *That is,*
a witnesse.

34 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad called the altar ¶ Ed: for it shall bee a witnesse betweene vs, that the LORD is God.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Ioshuas exhortation before his death, 3 by former benefits, 5 by promises, 11 and by threatnings.

AND it came to passe, a long time after that the LORD had giuen rest vnto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Ioshua waxed old, and † stricken in age.

† *Heb.*
come into
dayes.

2 And Ioshua called for all Israel, and for their Elders, & for their Heads, and for their Iudges, and for their Officers, and said vnto them; I am old, and stricken in age.

* *Exod.* 14.
4.

3 And yee haue seene all that the LORD your God hath done vnto all these nations, because of you; for the *LORD your God *is* hee that hath fought for you.

4 Behold, I haue diuided vnto you by lot these nations that remaine, to bee an inheritance for your tribes, from Iordan, with all the nations that I haue cut off, euen vnto the great Sea † Westward.

† *Hebr. at*
the Sunne
set.

5 And the LORD your God, hee shall expell them from before you, and driue them from out of your sight, & ye shall possesse their land, as the LORD your God hath promised vnto you.

* *Deut.* 5.
32. and 28.
14.

6 Be ye therefore very courageous to keepe and to doe all that is written in the booke of the Law of Moses, *that yee turne not aside therefrom, to the

right hand, or to the left,

7 That yee come not among these nations, these that remaine amongst you, neither *make mention of the name *Psal. 16. of their gods, nor cause to sweare *by them*, neither serue ⁴ them, nor bow your selues vnto them.

8 || But cleaue vnto the LORD your God, as yee haue done || *Or, for if you will cleaue, &c.*
vnto this day.

9 || For the LORD hath driuen out from before you, great || *Or, then the LORD will driue.*
nations, and strong: But as for you, no man hath beene able to stand before you vnto this day.

10 * One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD *Leuit. 26.
your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as hee hath promised 8. deut. 32.
you. 30.

11 Take good heed therefore vnto your †selues, that ye †*Heb. soules.*
loue the LORD your God.

12 Else, if ye do in any wise go backe, and cleaue vnto the remnant of these nations, *euen* these that remaine among you, and shall make marriages with them, and goe in vnto them, and they to you:

13 Know for a certaintie, that the LORD your God will no more driue out any of these nations from before you: *but they shalbe snares and traps vnto you, and scourges in *Exod. 23.
your sides, and thornes in your eyes, vntill yee perish from 33. numb.
off this good land which the LORD your God hath giuen 33. 55. deu.
you. 7. 16.

14 And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth, and ye know in all your hearts, and in all your soules, that *not one thing hath failed of all the good things which *Chap. 21.
the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to 45
passe vnto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

15 Therefore it shall come to passe, *that* as all good things are come vpon you, which the LORD your God promised you: so shall the LORD bring vpon you all euill things, vntill he haue destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath giuen you.

16 When yee haue transgressed the Couenant of the LORD your God, which hee commaunded you, and haue gone and serued other gods, and bowed your selues to them: then shall the anger of the LORD bee kindled against you, and yee shall perish quickly
from

from off the good land which hee hath giuen vnto you.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Ioshua assembleth the tribes at Shechem. 2 A brieft historie of Gods benefites from Terah. 14 He reneweth a couenant betweene them and God. 26 A stone the witnesse of the couenant. 29 Ioshuas age, death and buriall. 32 Iosephs bones are buried. 33 Eleazar dieth.

And Ioshua gathered all the Tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the Elders of Israel, and for their Heads, and for their Iudges, and for their Officers, and they presented themselues before God.

2 And Ioshua said vnto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *euen* Terah the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they serued other gods.

3 And I tooke your father Abraham frō the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and *gaue him Isaac.

4 And I gaue vnto Isaac, *Iacob and Esau: & I gaue vnto *Esau mount Seir, to possesse it: *but Iacob and his children went downe into Egypt.

5 *I sent Moses also and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did amongst them: and afterward, I brought you out.

6 And I *brought your fathers out of Egypt: and you came vnto the sea, and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with charets and horsemen vnto *the red sea.

7 And when they cried vnto the LORD, hee put darkenesse betweene you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea vpon them, and couered them, and your eyes haue seene what I haue done in Egypt, and ye dwelt in the wildernes a long season.

8 And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt on the other side Iordan: *and they fought with you, and I gaue them into your hand, that ye might possesse their land, and I destroyed them from before you.

9 Then Balak the sonne of Zippor king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and *sent and called Ba-

laam the sonne of Beor to curse you :

10 But I would not hearken vnto Balaam, therefore he blessed you still : so I deliuered you out of his hand.

11 And ye went ouer Iordan, and came vnto Iericho : and the men of Iericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, & the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, and I deliuered them into your hand.

12 And *I sent the hornet before you, which draue them ^{*Exod. 23.} out from before you, *euen* the two kings of the Amorites: ^{28. deut. 7.} *but* not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. ^{20.}

13 And I haue giuen you a land for which ye did not labour, & cities which ye built not, and yee dwell in them: of the vineyards and Oliue-yards which ye planted not, doe ye eate.

14 ¶ Now therefore, feare the LORD, and serue him in sinceritie, and in trueth, and put away the gods which your fathers serued on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt: and serue yee the LORD.

15 And if it seeme euill vnto you to serue the LORD, choose you this day whome you will serue, whether the gods which your fathers serued that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose lande ye dwell: but as for mee and my house, we will serue the LORD.

16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that wee should forsake the LORD, to serue other gods.

17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought vs vp and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, & which did those great signes in our sight, and preserued vs in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed.

18 And the LORD draue out from before vs all the people, euen the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serue the LORD, for he is our God.

19 And Ioshua said vnto the people, Ye cannot serue the LORD: for hee is an holy God: he is a ielous God, he will not forgiue your transgressions nor your sinnes.

20 If yee forsake the LORD, and serue strange gods, *then *Chap. 23. he will turne, and doe you hurt, and consume you, after that ^{15.} he hath done you good.

21 And the people said vnto Ioshua,
Nay,

Nay, but we will serue the LORD.

22 And Ioshua said vnto the people, Yee are witnesses against your selues, that yee haue chosen you the LORD, to serue him. And they said, *We are* witnesses.

23 Now therefore put away, *said he*, the strange gods which are among you, and encline your heart vnto the LORD God of Israel.

24 And the people saide vnto Ioshua; The LORD our God will we serue, and his voice will we obey.

25 So Ioshua made a couenant with the people that day, and set them a Statute, & an Ordinance in Shechem.

26 ¶ And Ioshua wrote these words in the booke of the Law of God, and tooke a great stone, and set it vp there, vnder an oake, that was by the Sanctuary of the LORD.

27 And Ioshua saide vnto all the people, Behold, this stone shalbe a witnesse vnto vs; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which hee spake vnto vs; it shall be there for a witnesse vnto you, lest ye deny your God.

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CHAP. I.

1 The actes of Iudah and Simeon. 4 Adoni-bezek iustly requited. 8 Hierusalem taken. 10 Hebron taken. 11 Othniel hath Achsah to wife for taking of Debir. 16 The Kénites dwel in Iudah. 17 Hormah, Gaza, Askelon and Ekron taken. 21 The acts of Benjamin. 22 Of the house of Ioseph, who take Bethel. 30 Of Zebulun. 31 Of Asher. 33 Of Naphtali. 34 Of Dan.

NOW after the death of Ioshua, it came to passe, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shal goe vp for vs against the Canaanites first, to fight against them?

28 So Ioshua let the people depart, euery man vnto his inheritance.

29 ¶ And it came to passe after these things, that Ioshua the sonne of Nun the seruant of the LORD died, being an hundred and ten yeeres old.

30 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in *Timnath-Serah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the North side of the hill of Gaash. * Chap. 19.
50. iudg. 2.
9.

31 And Israel serued the LORD all the dayes of Ioshua, & all the dayes of the Elders that †ouerliued Ioshua, and which had knowen al the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel. † *Hebr.*
prolonged
their dayes
after
Ioshua.

32 ¶ And *the bones of Ioseph, which the children of Israel brought vp out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcell of ground which Iacob bought of *the sonnes of Hamor the father of Shechem, for an hundred ||pieces of siluer; and it became the inheritance of the children of Ioseph. * Gen. 50.
25. exod.
13. 19.
* Gene. 33.
19.
|| *Or,*
lambs.

33 And Eleazar the sonne of Aaron died, and they buried him in a hill that pertained to Phinehas his son, which was giuen him in mount Ephraim.

BOOKE OF

Iudges.

2 And the LORD sayd, Iudah shall goe vp: Behold, I haue deliuered the land into his hand.

3 And Iudah saide vnto Simeon his brother, Come vp with me into my lot, that wee may fight against the Canaanites, and I likewise will goe with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him.

4 And Iudah went vp, and the LORD deliuered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men.

5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites, and the Perizzites.

6 But Adoni-bezek fled, and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbes, and his great toes.

7 And

7 And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore & ten kings, hauing
 † *Hebr. the* † their thumbs and their great toes cut off, || gathered *their*
thumbs of meate vnder my table: as I haue done, so God hath requited
their hands mee, and they brought him to Ierusalem, and there he
and of their died.
feete.

|| *Or,* 8 (Now the children of Iudah had fought against Ierusalem,
gleaned and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword,
 and set the citie on fire)

* Iosh. 10. 9 ¶ * And afterward the children of Iudah went downe to
 36. and 11. fight against the Canaanites that dwelt in the moūtaine, & in
 21. and 15. the South, and in the || valley.

13. 10 And Iudah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in
 || *Or, lowe* Hebron (nowe the name of Hebron before was * Kiriath-arba)
countrey. and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.
 * Iosh. 15.
 13.

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of
 Debir, (& the name of Debir before was Kiriath-sepher)

12 And Caleb said, Hee that smiteth Kiriath-sepher, and
 taketh it, to him will I giue Achsah my daughter to wife.

13 And Othniel the sonne of Kenaz Calebs yonger bro-
 ther tooke it: and he gaue him Achsah his daughter to
 wife.

14 And it came to passe when shee came to *him*, that she
 moued him to aske of her father a field: and shee lighted
 from off her asse, and Caleb said vnto her, What wilt thou?

15 And she said vnto him, Giue me a blessing: for thou
 hast giuen mee a South land, giue me also springs of water.
 And Caleb gaue her the vpper springs, and the nether
 springs.

16 ¶ And the children of the Kenite, Moses father in law,
 went vp out of the citie of palme trees, with the children of
 Iudah into the wildernesse of Iudah, which *lieth* in the South
 of Arad, and they went and dwelt among the people.

17 And Iudah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew
 the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and vtterly destroyed
 it, (and the name of the * citie was called Hormah.)

* Num. 21. 3. 18 Also Iudah tooke Gaza with the coast thereof, and
 Askelon with the coast thereof, and Ekron with the coast
 thereof.

|| *Or, he* 19 And the LORD was with Iudah, and hee || draue out *the*
possessed *inhabitants* of the mountaine, but could not driue out
the moun-
taine.

the inhabitants of the valley, because they had charets of yron.

20 And they gaue Hebron vnto Caleb, *as Moses saide: *Num. 14.
and hee expelled thence the three sonnes of Anak. 24. iosh. 14

21 And the children of Benjamin did not driue out the
Iebusites that inhabited Ierusalem: but the Iebusites dwel
with the children of Benjamin in Ierusalem, vnto this day. 13. & 15.
14.

22 ¶ And the house of Ioseph, they also went vp against
Bethel: and the LORD was with them.

23 And the house of Ioseph sent to descrie Bethel (now the
name of the citie before was *Luz) *Gen. 28.

24 And the spies sawe a man come forth out of the citie, 19.
and they said vnto him, Shew vs, wee pray thee, the entrance
into the citie, and *we will shew thee mercie. *Iosh. 2.

25 And when hee shewed them the entrance into the citie, 14
they smote the citie with the edge of the sword: but they
let goe the man and all his familie.

26 And the man went into the lande of the Hittites, and
built a citie, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the
name thereof vnto this day.

27 ¶ *Neither did Manasseh driue out *the inhabitants* of *Iosh. 17.
Bethshean, and her townes, nor Taanach and her townes, 11, 12.
nor the inhabitants of Dor, and her townes, nor the in-
habitants of Ibleam, and her townes, nor the inhabitants of
Megiddo, and her townes: but the Canaanites would dwel
in that land.

28 And it came to passe when Israel was strong, that they
put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not vtterly driue them
out.

29 ¶ *Neither did Ephraim driue out the Canaanites that *Iosh. 16.
dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among 10.
them.

30 ¶ Neither did Zebulun driue out the inhabitants of
Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol: but the Canaanites
dwelt among them, and became tributaries.

31 ¶ Neither did Asher driue out the inhabitants of Accho,
nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor Achzib, nor
Helbath, nor Aphik, nor of Rehob:

32 But the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the
inhabitants of the land: for they did not driue them out.

33 ¶ Nei-

33 ¶ Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Bethshemesh, nor the inhabitants of Bethanath, but hee dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: neuertheless, the inhabitants of Bethshemesh, and of Bethanath, became tributaries vnto them.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountaine: for they would not suffer them to come downe to the valley.

35 But the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aialon, & in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Ioseph †preuailed, so that they became tributaries.

† *Hebr.*
was heauy.
|| *Or,*
Maale-
Akrabbim.

36 And the coast of the Amorites *was* from ||the going vp to Akrabbim, from the rocke, and vpward.

CHAP. II.

1 An Angel rebuketh the people at Bochim. 6 The wickednesse of the new generation after Ioshua. 14 Gods anger and pitie towards them. 20 The Canaanites are left to prooue Israel.

|| *Or, messenger.*

ANd an ||Angel of the LORD came vp from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to goe vp out of Egypt, and haue brought you vnto the land which I sware vnto your fathers, and I said, I will neuer breake my Couenant with you.

* Deut. 7. 2 And *ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land, *you shall throw downe their altars: But ye haue not obeyed my voyce; Why haue ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you: but they shall be *as thornes in your sides, and their gods shall be a *snare vnto you.

* Iosh. 23. 13. * Exod. 23. 33. and 34. 12. 4 And it came to passe when the Angel of the LORD spake these words vnto all the children of Israel, that the people lift vp their voice, and wept.

* That is, weepers. 5 And they called the name of that place *Bochim: and they sacrificed there vnto the LORD.

6 ¶ And when Ioshua had let the people goe, the children of Israel went euery man vnto his inheritance, to possesse the land.

7 And the people serued the LORD all the dayes of Ioshua, and all the

dayes of the Elders that †outliued Ioshua, who had seene all the great workes of the LORD, that hee did for Israel.

† *Hebr.*
prolonged
dayes after
Ioshua.

8 And Ioshua the sonne of Nun, the seruant of the LORD died, being an hundred and ten yeeres old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-Heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the North side of the hill Gaash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered vnto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the woorkes which hee had done for Israel.

11 ¶ And the children of Israel did euil in the sight of the LORD, and serued Baalim:

12 And they forsooke the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselues vnto them, and prouoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsooke the LORD, and serued Baal and Ashtaroth.

14 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was hote against Israel, and he deliuered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and *he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

* *Psal.* 44.
12. isa. 50.
1.

15 Whither soeuer they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for euill, as the LORD had said, and *as the LORD had sworne vnto them: and they were greatly distressed.

* *Leuit.* 26.
deut. 28.

16 ¶ Neuerthelesse, the LORD rayzed vp Iudges, which †deliuered them out of the hand of those that spoyled them.

† *Hebr.* *sa-*
ued.

17 And yet they would not hearken vnto their Iudges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselues vnto them: they turned quickly out of the way, which their fathers walked in, obeying the Commandements of the LORD; *but* they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them vp Iudges, then the LORD was with the Iudge, and deliuered them out of the hand of their enemies, all the dayes of the Iudge (for it repented the LORD, because of their gronings by reason

reason of them that oppressed them, and vexed them :)

* Chap. 3.

12.

|| *Or, were corrupt.*

† *Hebr. they let nothing fall of their.*

19 And it came to passe * when the Iudge was dead, that they returned, and || corrupted themselues more then their fathers, in following other gods, to serue them, and to bow downe vnto them: † they ceased not from their owne doings, nor from their stubborne way.

20 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was hote against Israel, and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my Couenant which I commanded their fathers, and haue not hearkened vnto my voice :

21 I also will not henceforth driue out any from before them of the nations which Ioshua left when he died :

22 That through them I may proue Israel, whether they will keepe the way of the LORD, to walke therein, as their fathers did keepe it, or not.

|| *Or, suffred.*

23 Therefore the LORD || left those nations, without driuing them out hastily, neither deliuered he them into the hand of Ioshua.

CHAP. III.

1 The nations which were left to prooue Israel. 6 By communion with them they commit idolatrie. 8 Othniel deliuereth them from Chushan-Rishathaim. 12 Ehud from Eglon. 31 Shamgar from the Philistines.

NOW these *are* the nations which the LORD left, to prooue Israel by them, (euen as many of Israel as had not knowen all the warres of Canaan ;

2 Onely that the generations of the children of Israel might know to teach them warre, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof :)

3 Namely fve lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hiuites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-Hermon, vnto the entring in of Hamath.

4 And they were to prooue Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken vnto the Commandements of the LORD, which hee commaunded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

5 ¶ And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hiuites, and Iebusites,

6 And they tooke their daughters to be their wiues, and gaue their daughters to their sonnes, and serued their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did euill in the sight of the LORD, and forgate the LORD their God, and serued Baalim, and the groues.

8 ¶ Therefore the anger of the LORD was hote against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushan-Rishathaim king of †Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel serued Chushan-Rishathaim eight yeeres. †Hebr. Aram-naharaim.

9 And when the children of Israel cryed vnto the LORD, the LORD raised vp a †deliuerer to the children of Israel, †Hebr. sauour. *euen* Othniel the sonne of Kenaz, Calebs yonger brother.

10 And the Spirit of the LORD †came vpon him, and he iudged Israel, and went out to warre, & the LORD deliuered Chushan-Rishathaim king of †Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand preuailed against Chushan-Rishathaim. †Hebr. was. †Hebr. Aram.

11 And the land had rest forty yeres: and Othniel the sonne of Kenaz died.

12 ¶ And the children of Israel did euill againe in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done euill in the sight of the LORD.

13 And hee gathered vnto him the children of Ammon, and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of Palme-trees.

14 So the children of Israel serued Eglon the King of Moab eighteene yeeres.

15 But when the children of Israel cried vnto the LORD, the LORD raised them vp a deliuerer, Ehud the sonne of Gera, †a Beniamite, a man †left handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a Present vnto Eglon the king of Moab. †Or, the sonne of Iemini. †Hebr.

16 But Ehud made him a dagger (which had two edges) of a cubite length, and he did gird it vnder his raiment, vpon his right thigh, shut of his right hand.

17 And he brought the present vnto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was a very fat man.

18 And when he had made an end to offer the Present, he sent away the people that bare the Present.

19 But

|| Or,
grauen
images.

19 But hee himselfe turned againe from the ||quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I haue a secret errand vnto thee, O king: who said, Keepe silence. And all that stood by him, went out from him.

† Heb. a
parlour of
cooling.

20 And Ehud came vnto him, and he was sitting in †a Summer parlour, which hee had for himselfe alone: And Ehud said, I haue a message from God vnto thee. And he arose out of *his* seat.

21 And Ehud put forth his left hand, and tooke the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

22 And the haft also went in after the blade: and the fatte closed *vpon* the blade, so that hee could not drawe the dagger out of his belly, and the ||dirt came out.

|| Or, it
came out at
the funda-
ment.

23 Then Ehud went forth through the porche, and shut the doores of the parlour vpon him, and locked them.

24 When he was gone out, his seruants came, and when they saw, that behold, the doores of the parlour were locked, they said, Surely he ||couereth his feet in his Summer chamber.

|| Or, *doth*
his ease-
ment.

25 And they taried till they were ashamed: and behold, he opened not the doores of the parlour, therefore they tooke a key, and opened *them*: and behold, their lord was fallen downe dead on the earth.

26 And Ehud escaped while they taried: and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped vnto Seirath.

27 And it came to passe when hee was come, that hee blew a trumpet in the mountaine of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went downe with him from the mount, & he before them.

28 And hee said vnto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath deliuered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went downe after him, and tooke the foords of Iordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to passe ouer.

† Heb. *fat.*

29 And they slewe of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all †lusty, and all men of valour, and there escaped not a man.

30 So Moab was subdued that day vnder the hand of Israel: and the land had rest fourescore yeeres.

31 ¶ And after him was Shamgar the sonne of Anath, which slew of the Philistines sixe hundred men with an oxe goad, and he also deliuered Israel.

CHAP. III.

1 Deborah and Barak deliuer them from Iabin and Sisera. 18 Iael killeth Sisera.

AND the children of Israel againe did euil in the sight of the LORD, when Ehud was dead.

2 And the LORD sold them into the hande of Iabin king of Canaan: that reigned in Hazor, the captaine of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.

3 And the children of Israel cried vnto the LORD: for he had nine hundred charets of yron: and twentie yeres hee mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 ¶ And Deborah a prophetesse, the wife of Lapidoth, shee iudged Israel at that time.

5 And shee dwelt vnder the palme tree of Deborah, betweene Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came vp to her for iudgement.

6 And shee sent and called Barak the sonne of Abinoam, out of Kedesh-Naphtali, and said vnto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commaunded, *saying*, Goe, and drawe toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali, and of the children of Zebulun?

7 And I wil draw vnto thee to the *riuer Kishon, Sisera * *Psal.* 83. the captaine of Iabins army, with his charets, and his multi- 9, 10. tude, and I will deliuer him into thine hand.

8 And Barak said vnto her, If thou wilt goe with me, then I wil goe: but if thou wilt not goe with mee, then I will not goe.

9 And she said, I wil surely go with thee, notwithstanding the iourney that thou takest, shal not be for thine honor: for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, & went with Barak to Kedesh.

10 ¶ And Barak called Zebulun, and Naphtali to Kedesh, and he went vp with ten thousand men at his feete: and Deborah went vp with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of *Hobab the father in law of Moses, had seuered himselfe * *Numb.* from the Kenites, and pitched his tent vnto the plaine of 10 29. Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

12 And

12 And they shewed Sisera, that Barak the sonne of Abinoam was gone vp to mount Tabor.

† *Hebr. gathered by cry or proclamation.* 13 And Sisera † gathered together all his charets, euen nine hundred charets of iron, and al the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles, vnto the riuier of Kishon.

14 And Deborah said vnto Barak, Vp, for this *is* the day in which the LORD hath deliuered Sisera into thine hand: Is not the LORD gone out before thee? so Barak went downe from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him.

* *Psal. 83.* 15 And the *LORD discomfited Sisera, and all his charets, and all his hoste with the edge of the sword, before Barak: so that Sisera lighted downe off his charet, and fled away on his feet.

† *Hebr. vnto one.* 16 But Barak pursued after the charets, and after the hoste vnto Harosheth of the Gentiles, and all the host of Sisera fell vpon the edge of the sword; *and* there was not † a man left.

17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet, to the tent of Iael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace betweene Iabin the king of Hazor, and the house of Heber the Kenite.

|| *Or, rugge, or blanket.* 18 ¶ And Iael went out to meete Sisera, and said vnto him, Turne in, my lord, turne in to me, feare not. And when hee had turned in vnto her, into the tent, shee couered him with a || mantle.

* *Chap. 5.* 19 And he said vnto her, Giue me, I pray thee, a litle water to drinke, for I am thirstie. And she opened * a bottle of milke, and gaue him drinke, and couered him.

20 Againe he said vnto her, Stand in the doore of the tent, and it shall bee when any man doeth come and enquire of thee and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No.

† *Hebr. put.* 21 Then Iael Hebers wife, † tooke a naile of the tent, and tooke an hammer in her hand, and went softly vnto him, and smote the naile into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: (for he was fast asleepe, and weary;) so he died.

22 And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Iael came out to meet him, and said vnto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Si-

sera lay dead, and the naile *was* in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day, Iabin the king of Canaan, before the children of Israel.

24 And the hand of the children of Israel †prospered, & †*Hebr. going, went and was hard.* preuailed against Iabin the king of Canaan, vntill they had destroyed Iabin king of Canaan.

CHAP. V.

I The Song of Deborah and Barak.

THen sang Deborah, and Barak the son of Abinoam, on that day, saying,

2 Praise ye the LORD, for the auenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselues.

3 Heare, O ye kings, giue eare, O ye Princes: I, *euen* I will sing vnto the LORD, I wil sing *praise* to the LORD God of Israel.

4 LORD, *when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou *Deut. 4. marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and 11. the heauens dropped, the clouds also dropped water.

5 *The mountaines †melted from before the LORD, *euen* *Psal. 97. 5. that Sinai, from before the LORD God of Israel. †*Hebr. flowed.*

6 In the dayes of *Shamgar the son of Anath, in the dayes of *Iael, the high wayes were vnoccupied, and the †traueilers *Exod. 19. 18. walked thorow †by-wayes.

7 *The inhabitants* of the villages ceased, they ceased in Israel, vntill that I Deborah arose, that I arose a mother *Chap. 3. 31. in Israel. *Chap. 4. 18.

8 They chose new gods; then was warre in the gates: was there a shield or speare seene among fourtie thousand in Israel? †*Hebr. walkers of paths.*

9 My heart is toward the gouernours of Israel, that offered themselues willingly among the people: Blesse ye the LORD. †*Hebr. crooked wayes.*

10 ||Speake yee that ride on white asses, yee that sit in ||*Or, meditate.* Iudgement, and walke by the way.

11 *They that are deliuered* from the noise of Archers in the places of drawing water; there shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD, *euen* the †righteous acts *towards* †*Hebr. righteousnesses of the Lord.* the inhabitants of his villages in Israel: then shall the people of the LORD goe downe to the gates.

Z

12 Awake,

12 Awake, awake Deborah: awake, awake, vtter a song: arise Barak, and leade thy captiuitie captiue, thou sonne of Abinoam.

13 Then hee made him that remaineth, haue dominion ouer the Nobles among the people: the LORD made me haue dominion ouer the mightie.

14 Out of Ephraim was there a roote of them against Amalek, after thee Beniamin, among thy people: Out of Machir came downe gouernours, and out of Zebulun they that †handle the pen of the writer.

† Heb.
drawe with
the pen,
&c.

† Hebr. his
feete.

|| Or, in the
diuisions,
&c.

† Hebr.
impres-
sions.

|| Or, in.

|| Or, port.

|| Or,
creeks.

† Heb. ex-
posed to re-
proch.

15 And the princes of Issachar *were* with Deborah: euen Issachar, and also Barak, he was sent on †foot into the valley: ||for the diuisions of Reuben, *there were* great †thoughts of heart.

16 Why abodest thou among the sheepestolds, to heare the bleatings of the flocks? ||for the diuisions of Reuben *there were* great searchings of heart.

17 Gilead abode beyond Iordan: and why did Dan remaine in ships? Asher continued on the sea ||shore, and abode in his ||breaches.

18 Zebulun and Naphtali *were* a people that †ieoparded their liues vnto the death, in the high places of the field.

19 The kings came *and* fought, then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach by the waters of Megiddo, they tooke no gaine of money.

† Heb.
paths.

20 They fought from heauen, the starres in their †courses fought against Sisera.

21 The riuer of Kishon swept them away, that ancient riuer, the riuer Kishon: O my soule, thou hast troden downe strength.

22 Then were the horse hoofes broken, by the meanes of the ||pransings, the pransings of their mightie ones.

|| Or,
tramp-
lings, or
plungings.

23 Curse ye Meroz (said the Angel of the LORD) curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof: because they came not to the helpe of the LORD, to the helpe of the LORD against the mighty.

24 Blessed aboue women shal Iael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be aboue women in the tent.

25 He asked water, *and* she gaue him milke, shee brought forth butter in a lordly dish.

26 Shee put her hand to the naile, and her right hand to the workemens hammer: and with the hammer shee †smote Sisera, shee smote off his head,

† Heb.
hammered.

when she had pearsed & stricken through his temples.

27 † At her feete he bowed, he fell, he lay downe: at her † *Hebr. betweene.*
feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, there he fel down
† dead. † *Heb. destroyed.*

28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattesse, Why is his charet so long in comming? Why tarie the wheelles of his charrets?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, yea she returned † answered † *Heb. words*
to her selfe,

30 Haue they not sped? haue they *not* diuided the pray † to euery man a damosell or two? To Sisera a pray of † *Heb. to the head of a man.*
diuers colours, a pray of diuers colours, of needle worke, of diuers colours of needle worke on both sides, meet † for the † *Hebr. for the neckes of the spoile.*
necks of *them that take* the spoile?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD: but *let* them that loue him, *be* as the Sunne when he goeth foorth in his might. And the land had rest fourtie yeeres.

CHAP. VI.

1 The Israelites for their sinne are oppressed by Midian. 8 A prophet rebuketh them. 11 An Angel sendeth Gideon for their deliuerance.

17 Gideons Present is consumed with fire. 24 Gideon destroyeth Baals altar, and offreth a sacrifice vpon the altar Iehouah-shalom.

28 Ioash defendeth his son, & calleth him Ierubbaal. 33 Gideons armie. 36 Gideons signes.

AND the children of Israel did euill in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD deliuered them into the hande of Midian seuen yeeres.

2 And the hand of Midian † preuailed against Israel: and † *Heb. was strong.*
because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made them the dennes which *are* in the mountaines, and caues, & strong holds.

3 And *so* it was when Israel had sowed, that the Midianites came vp, & the Amalekites, & the children of the East, euen they came vp against them,

4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come vnto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither ||sheepe, nor oxe, nor asse. || *Or, goate.*

5 For they came vp with their cattell and their tents, and they came as Grashoppers for multitude, for both they and their camels were without
number:

number : and they entred into the land to destroy it.

6 And Israel was greatly impouerished, because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cryed vnto the LORD.

7 ¶ And it came to passe when the children of Israel cryed vnto the LORD, because of the Midianites,

† *Hebr. a man, a Prophet.*

8 That the LORD sent † a Prophet vnto the children of Israel, which said vnto them; Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you vp from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage,

9 And I deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of al that oppressed you, and draue them out from before you, and gaue you their land :

* 2. King.
17. 35, 38.
ierem. 10.
2.

10 And I said vnto you, I *am* the LORD your God, * feare not the gods of the Amorites in whose land ye dwel : But ye haue not obeyed my voice.

11 ¶ And there came an Angel of the LORD, and sate vnder an Oake which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* vnto Ioash the Abi-Ezrite : and his sonne * Gideon threshed wheat by the winepresse, † to hide *it* from the Midianites.

* Heb. 11.
32. called
Gedeon.

† *Hebr. to cause it to flye.*

12 And the Angel of the LORD appeared vnto him, and said vnto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mightie man of valour.

13 And Gideon said vnto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD bee with vs, why then is all this befallen vs ? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers tolde vs of, saying, Did not the LORD bring vs vp from Egypt ? but now the LORD hath forsaken vs, and deliuered vs into the hands of the Midianites.

14 And the LORD looked vpon him, and said, Goe in this thy might, and thou shalt saue Israel from the hand of the Midianites : haue not I sent thee ?

15 And hee said vnto him, Oh my lord, wherewith shall I saue Israel ? behold, || my family is poore in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my fathers house.

|| *Or, my thousand is the meanest.*

16 And the LORD said vnto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites, as one man.

17 And he said vnto him, If now I haue found grace in thy sight, then shew me a signe, that thou talkest with me.

18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, vntil I come vnto thee, and bring forth my ||Present, and set it before thee. And hee saide, I will tary vntill thou come againe. *|| Or, meat offering.*

19 ¶ And Gideon went in, and made ready †a kid, and vnleauened cakes of an Ephah of floure: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out vnto him vnder the oake, and presented it. *† Hebr. a kid of the goates.*

20 And the Angel of God sayd vnto him, Take the flesh, and the vnleauened cakes, and lay them vpon this rocke, and powre out the broth. And he did so.

21 ¶ Then the Angel of the LORD put foorth the end of the staffe that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh, and the vnleauened cakes, and there rose vp fire out of the rocke, and consumed the flesh and the vnleauened cakes: then the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

22 And when Gideon perceiued that hee was an Angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD: *for because I haue seene an Angel of the LORD face to face. ** Exod. 33. 20. chap. 13. 22.*

23 And the LORD said vnto him, Peace be vnto thee, feare not, thou shalt not die.

24 Then Gideon built an Altar there vnto the LORD, and called it ||Iehouah-shalom: vnto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah, of the Abi-Ezrites. *|| That is, The Lord send peace.*

25 ¶ And it came to passe the same night, that the LORD said vnto him, Take thy fathers yong bullocke, ||euen the second bullocke of seuen yeeres old, and throw downe the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut downe the groue that *is* by it: *|| Or, and.*

26 And bulde an Altar vnto the LORD thy God vpon the top of this †rocke, in ||the ordered place, and take the second bullocke, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the groue, which thou shalt cut downe. *† Hebr. strong place.*

27 Then Gideon tooke ten men of his seruants, and did as the LORD had said vnto him: And *so* it was because hee feared his fathers houshold, and the men of the city, that he could not doe *it* by day, that hee did *it* by night. *|| Or, in an orderly maner.*

28 ¶ And when the men of the citie arose earely in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast downe, and the

groue was cut downe that *was* by it, and the second bullocke was offered vpon the altar that was built.

29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they enquired and asked, they said, Gideon the sonne of Ioash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the citie said vnto Ioash, Bring out thy sonne, that he may die: because he hath cast downe the altar of Baal, and because hee hath cut downe the groue that *was* by it.

31 And Ioash said vnto all that stood against him, Will ye pleade for Baal? will ye saue him? He that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst *it is yet* morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himselfe, because *one* hath cast down his altar.

32 Therefore on that day hee called him Ierubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because *hee* hath throwen downe his altar.

33 ¶ Then all the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and the children of the East were gathered together, and went ouer, and pitched in the valley of Iezreel.

34 But the Spirit of the LORD †came vpon Gideon, and hee *blewe a trumpet, and Abiezer †was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, who also was gathered after him, and hee sent messengers vnto Asher, and vnto Zebulun, and vnto Naphtali, and they came vp to meete them.

36 ¶ And Gideon said vnto God, If thou wilt saue Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

37 Beholde, I will put a fleece of wooll in the floore: *and* if the deaw be on the fleece onely, and it bee drie vpon all the earth *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt saue Israel by my hande, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so: for he rose vp early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the deaw out of the fleece, a bowle full of water.

39 And Gideon said vnto God, *Let not thine anger be hote against me, and I will speake but this once: Let mee prooue, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece. Let it now be drie onely vpon the fleece, and vpon all the ground let there be deaw.

† *Hebr. clothed.*

* Num. 10.

3. chap. 3.

27.

† *Heb. was called after him.*

* Gen. 18.

32.

40 And God did so that night: for it was drie vpon the fleece onely, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAP. VII.

1 Gideons armie of two and thirtie thousand is brought to three hundred. 9 He is encouraged by the dreame and interpretation of the barley cake. 16 His stratageme of trumpets and lamps in pitchers. 24 The Ephraimites take Oreb and Zeeb.

THen Ierubbaal (who is Gideon) and all the people that were with him, rose vp earely, and pitched beside the well of Harod: so that the hoste of the Midianites were on the North side of them by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the LORD said vnto Gideon, The people that are with thee, *are* too many for me to giue the Midianites into their handes, lest Israel vaunt themselues against mee, saying, Mine owne hand hath saued me.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaime in the eares of the people, saying, *Whosoeuer is fearefull and afraid, let him returne and depart earely from mount Gilead: and there returned of the people twentie and two thousand, & there remained ten thousand. ^{8 Deut. 20. 1. mac. 3. 56}

4 And the LORD said vnto Gideon, The people *are* yet too many: bring them downe vnto the water, and I wil trie them for thee there: and it shall bee that of whome I say vnto thee, This shall goe with thee, the same shall goe with thee: and of whomsoever I say vnto thee, This shal not goe with thee, the same shall not goe.

5 So he brought downe the people vnto the water: and the LORD sayd vnto Gideon, Euery one that lappeth of the water with his tongue as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himselfe, likewise euery one that boweth downe vpon his knees to drinke.

6 And the number of them that lapped *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed downe vpon their knees to drinke water.

7 And the LORD said vnto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped, will I saue you, and deliuer the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people goe euery man vnto his place.

8 So

8 So the people tooke victuals in their hand, and their trumpets : and he sent all *the rest of* Israel, euery man vnto his tent, and reteined those three hundred men : and the hoste of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 ¶ And it came to passe the same night, that the LORD sayd vnto him, Arise, get thee downe vnto the hoste, for I haue deliuered it into thine hand.

10 But if thou feare to goe downe, goe thou with Phurah thy seruant downe to the hoste.

11 And thou shalt heare what they say, and afterward shall thine handes be strengthened to goe downe vnto the hoste. Then went hee downe, with Phurah his seruant, vnto the outside of the ¶armed men, that were in the hoste.

¶ Or,
rankes by
fiue.

Chap. 6.
33.

12 And the Midianites, and the Amalekites, and *all the children of the East, lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude, and their camels were without number, as the sand by the Sea side for multitude.

13 And when Gideon was come, beholde, there was a man that tolde a dreame vnto his fellow, and sayd, Behold, I dreamed a dreame, and loe, a cake of Barley bread tumbled into the hoste of Midian, and came vnto a tent, and smote it that it fell, and ouerturned it, that the tent lay along.

14 And his fellow answered, and said, This is nothing els saue the sword of Gideon the sonne of Ioash, a man of Israel : *for* into his hand hath God deliuered Midian, and all the hoste.

† Hebr. the
breaking
thereof.

15 ¶ And it was *so*, when Gideon heard the telling of the dreame, and †the interpretation thereof, that hee worshipped, and returned into the host of Israël, and sayd, Arise, for the LORD hath deliuered into your hand the host of Midian.

† Hebr.
trumpets
in the hand
of all of
them.

¶ Or, fire-
brands : or
torches.

16 And he diuided the three hundred men into three companies, and hee put a †trumpet in euery mans hand, with empty pitchers, and ¶lampes within the pitchers,

17 And hee said vnto them, Looke on mee, and doe likewise ; and beholde, when I come to the outside of the campe, it shall be that as I doe, so shall ye doe.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with mee, then blow

ye the trumpets also on euery side of all the campe, and say, *The sword of the LORD*, and of Gideon.

19 ¶ So Gideon and the hundred men that were with him, came vnto the outside of the campe, in the beginning of the middle watch, and they had but newly set the watch, and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lampes in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withall*: and they cried, *The sword of the LORD*, and of Gideon.

21 And they stood euery man in his place, round about the campe: and all the host ranne, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and *the LORD ^{* Essay 9.} set euery mans sword against his fellow, euen throughout all ^{4.} the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah, || in Zererath, ^{|| Or, to-} and to the † border of Abel Meholah, vnto Tabbath. ^{wards.}

23 And the men of Israel gathered themselues together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after the Midianites. ^{† Hebr. lip.}

24 ¶ And Gideon sent messengers throughout all mount Ephraim, saying; Come downe against the Midianites, and take before them the waters vnto Beth-barah, and Iordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselues together, and tooke the waters vnto Beth-barah, and Iordane.

25 And they tooke *two Princes of the Midianites, Oreb, ^{* Psal. 83.} and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb vpon the rocke Oreb, and ^{11. esa. 10.} Zeeb they slew at the winepresse of Zeeb, and pursued ^{26.} Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb, to Gideon on the other side Iordan.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Gideon pacifieth the Ephraimites. 4 Succoth and Penuel refuse to relieue Gideons army. 10 Zebah and Zalmunna are taken. 13 Succoth and Penuel are destroyed. 17 Gideon reuengeth his brethrens death on Zebah and Zalmunna. 22 Hee refuseth gouernment. 24 His Ephod cause of Idolatry. 28 Midian subdued. 29 Gideons children, and death. 33 The Israelites idolatry, and ingratitude.

†Hebr.
what thing
is this, thou
hast done
vnto vs?
†Hebr.
strongly.

AND the men of Ephraim said vnto him, †Why hast thou serued vs thus, that thou calledst vs not when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him †sharply.

2 And he said vnto them, What haue I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better then the vintage of Abiezer?

†Heb.
spirit.

3 God hath deliuered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to doe in comparison of you? then their †anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 ¶ And Gideon came to Iordan, *and* passed ouer, hee, and the three hundred men that *were* with him, faint, yet pursuing *them*.

5 And he said vnto the men of Succoth, Giue, I pray you, loaves of bread vnto the people that follow me, for they *bee* faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian.

6 ¶ And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hands, that wee should giue bread vnto thine armie?

†Heb.
thresh

7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD hath deliuered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I wil †teare your flesh with the thornes of the wilderness, and with briers.

8 ¶ And he went vp thence to Penuel, and spake vnto them likewise: and the men of Penuel answered him, as the men of Succoth had answered him.

9 And he spake also vnto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come againe in peace, I will breake downe this towre.

10 ¶ Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their hostes with them, about fifteene thousand men, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the East: for there fell ¶an hundred and twentie thousand men that drew sword.

¶Or, an
hundreth
and twenty
thousand,
euery one
drawing a
sword.

11 ¶ And Gideon went vp by the way of them that dwelt in tents, on the East of Nobah, and Iogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure.

†Heb.
terrified.

12 And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah, and Zalmunna, & †discomfited all the host.

13 ¶ And Gideon the sonne of Ioash

returned from battel before the Sunne was vp,

14 And caught a yong man of the men of Succoth, and enquired of him: and he †described vnto him the princes of †*Heb. writ.* Succoth and the elders thereof, euen threescore and seuen-teene men.

15 And he came vnto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did vpbraid me, saying, Are the handes of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should giue bread vnto thy men that *are* wearie?

16 And hee tooke the Elders of the citie, and thornes of the wildernes, and briers, and with them hee †taught the men of Succoth.

†*Heb. made to know.*
* 1. King.
12 25.

17 And he beat downe the towre of *Penuel, and slew the men of the citie.

18 ¶ Then said he vnto Zebah and Zalmunna, What maner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou art, so *were* they, ech one †resembled the children of a king.

†*Heb. according to the forme, &c.*

19 And hee said, They were my brethren, euen the sonnes of my mother: as the LORD liueth, if yee had saued them aliue, I would not slay you.

20 And he said vnto Iether his first borne, Vp, and slay them: but the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall vpon vs: for as the man *is*, so *is* his strength. And Gideon arose, and slewe Zebah and Zalmunna, & tooke away the ||ornaments that *were* on their camels neckes.

|| *Or, ornaments like the moone.*

22 ¶ Then the men of Israel saide vnto Gideon, Rule thou ouer vs, both thou, and thy sonne, & thy sonnes sonne also: for thou hast deliuered vs from the hand of Midian.

23 And Gideon said vnto them, I will not rule ouer you, neither shall my sonne rule ouer you: the LORD shall rule ouer you.

24 ¶ And Gideon said vnto them, I would desire a request of you, that you would giue me euery man the eare-rings of his pray. For they had golden eare-rings, because they were Ishmaelites.

25 And they answered, We will willingly giue *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein, euery man the eare-rings of his pray.

26 And the weight of the golden eare-

|| Or,
sweete
iewels.

eare-rings that hee requested, was a thousand and seuen hundred *shekels* of gold, beside ornaments, and ||collars, & purple raiment that *was* on the kings of Midian, and beside the chaines that *were* about their camels necks.

27 And Gideon made an Ephod thereof, and put it in his citie, *euen* in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it; which thing became a snare vnto Gideon, and to his house.

28 ¶ Thus was Midian subdued before the children of Israel; so that they lifted vp their heads no more: and the countrey was in quietnesse fourtie yeeres, in the dayes of Gideon.

29 ¶ And Ierubbaal the sonne of Ioash went & dwelt in his owne house.

† Heb. going out of his thigh. 30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sonnes † of his body begotten: for he had many wiues.

† Heb. set. 31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, shee also bare him a sonne, whose name he † called Abimelech.

32 ¶ And Gideon the sonne of Ioash died, in a good olde age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Ioash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-Ezrites.

33 And it came to passe as soone as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned againe, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-Berith their god.

34 And the children of Israel remembred not the LORD their God, who had deliuered them out of the hands of all their enemies, on euery side:

35 Neither shewed they kindnesse to the house of Ierubbaal, *namely* Gideon, according to all the goodnesse which he had shewed vnto Israel.

CHAP. IX.

1 Abimelech by conspiracie with the Shechemites, and murder of his brethren, is made King. 7 Iotham by a parable rebuketh them and foretelleth their ruine. 22 Gaal conspireth with the Shechemites against him. 30 Zebul reuealeth it. 34 Abimelech ouercommeth them, and soweth the citie with salt. 46 Hee burneth the holde of the god Berith. 50 At Thebez he is slaine by a piece of a milstone. 56 Iothams curse is fulfilled.

AND Abimelech the sonne of Ierubbaal went to Shechem, vnto his mothers brethren, and communed with them,
and

with all the family of the house of his mothers father, saying ;

2 Speake, I pray you, in the eares of all the men of Shechem ;
 †Whether is better for you, either that all the sonnes of †*Heb.*
 Ierubbaal (which are threescore and ten persons) reigne ouer *What is*
 you, or that one reigne ouer you? Remember also, that I *good? whe-*
 am your bone, and your flesh. *ther &c.*

3 And his mothers brethren spake of him in the eares of
 all the men of Shechem, all these wordes, and their hearts
 inclined to †follow Abimelech: for they said, He is our †*Heb.*
 brother. *after.*

4 And they gaue him threescore and ten *pieces* of siluer,
 out of the house of Baal-Berith, wherewith Abimelech hired
 vaine & light persons; which followed him.

5 And hee went vnto his fathers house at Ophrah, and
 slewe his brethren the sonnes of Ierubbaal, *being* threescore
 and tenne pcrsons, vpon one stone: notwithstanding, yet
 Iotham the youngest sonne of Ierubbaal was left; for he hid
 himselfe.

6 And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all
 the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech King,
 || by the plaine of the pillar that *was* in Shechem.

7 ¶ And when they told *it* to Iotham, he went and stood || *Or, by the*
 in the top of mount Gerizim, and lift vp his voice, and cried, *oke of the*
 and said vnto them, Hearken vnto mee, you men of Shechem, *pillar. See*
 that God may hearken vnto you. *Iosh. 24.*

8 The trees went forth on a time to annoint a King ouer
 them, and they said vnto the Oliue tree, Reigne thou ouer vs.

9 But the Oliue tree saide vnto them, Should I leaue my
 fatnesse, wherewith by mee they honour God and man, and
 || goe to bee promoted ouer the trees?

10 And the trees said to the Figge tree, Come thou, and || *Or, goe vp*
 reigne ouer vs. *and downe*
for other
trees.

11 But the Figge tree saide vnto them, Should I forsake
 my sweetnesse, and my good fruit, and goe to be promoted
 ouer the trees?

12 Then saide the trees vnto the Vine, Come thou, *and*
 reigne ouer vs.

13 And the Vine said vnto them, Should I leaue my wine,
 which cheareth God and man, and goe to bee promoted
 ouer the trees?

14 Then

|| *Or,*
thistle.

14 Then said all the trees vnto the ||Bramble, Come thou, and reigne ouer vs.

15 And the Bramble said vnto the trees, If in trueth ye anoint me King ouer you, then come, *and* put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the Bramble, and deuoure the Cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, if yee haue done truely and sincerely, in that yee haue made Abimelech King, and if yee haue dealt well with Ierubbaal, and his house, and haue done vnto him according to the deseruing of his hands:

† *Heb. cast*
his life.

17 (For my father fought for you, and †aduentured his life farre, and deliuered you out of the hand of Midian:

18 And yee are risen vp against my fathers house this day, and haue slaine his sonnes, threescore and ten persons, vpon one stone, and haue made Abimelech the sonne of his maid-servant, king ouer the men of Shechem, because he is your brother.)

19 If yee then haue dealt truely and sincerely with Ierubbaal, and with his house this day, *then* reioyce yee in Abimelech, and let him also reioyce in you.

20 But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and deuoure the men of Shechem and the house of Millo: and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and deuoure Abimelech.

21 And Iotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there for feare of Abimelech his brother.

22 ¶ When Abimelech had reigned three yeeres ouer Israel,

23 Then God sent an euill spirit betweene Abimelech & the men of Shechem: and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

24 That the crueltie done to the threescore and ten sonnes of Ierubbaal might come, and their blood be laid vpon Abimelech their brother which slew them, and vpon the men of Shechem which †aided him in the killing of his brethren.

† *Hebr.*
strengthened his
hands to
kill.

25 And the men of Shechem set lyers in wait for him in the toppe of the mountaines, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the sonne of Ebed came with his brethren, and went ouer to Shechem: and the men of Shechem

put their confidence in him.

27 And they went out into the fields, and gathered their vineyards, and trode *the grapes*, and made ||merry, and went ||*Or, songs.* into the house of their god, and did eate and drinke, and cursed Abimelech.

28 And Gaal the sonne of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serue him? Is not he the sonne of Ierubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serue the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should we serue him?

29 And would to God this people were vnder my hand; then would I remoue Abimelech. And he said to Abimelech, Increase thine armie and come out.

30 ¶ And when Zebul the ruler of the citie heard the wordes of Gaal the sonne of Ebed, his anger was ||kindled. ||*Or, hote.*

31 And he sent messengers vnto Abimelech †priuily, saying, †*Heb. craftily, or to Tormah.* Behold, Gaal the sonne of Ebed, and his brethren, be come to Shechem, and behold, they fortifie the citie against thee.

32 Now therefore vp by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie in wait in the field.

33 And it shalbe, that in the morning assoone as the Sunne is vp, thou shalt rise earely, and set vpon the citie: and behold, *when* he and the people that is with him, come out against thee, then mayest thou doe to them †as thou shalt †*Hebr. as thine hand shall find.* finde occasion.

34 ¶ And Abimelech rose vp, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem in foure companies.

35 And Gaal the sonne of Ebed went out, and stood in the entring of the gate of the citie: and Abimelech rose vp, and the people that were with him, from lying in waite.

36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people downe frō the top of the mountaines. And Zebul saide vnto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountaines, as *if they were* men.

37 And Gaal spake againe, and said, See, there come people downe by the †middle of the land, and another companie †*Heb. nauell* come along by the plaine of ||Meonenim.

38 Then said Zebul vnto him, Where is now thy mouth, ||*Or, the regards* wherewith thou saidst, *of times.*

Who

He is ouercome.

Iudges.

Who is Abimelech, that wee should serue him? Is not this the people that thou hast despised? Goe out, I pray now, and fight with them.

39 And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Abimelech.

40 And Abimelech chased him, and hee fledde before him, and many were ouerthrowen and wounded, euen vnto the entring of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the people went out into the field, and they tolde Abimelech.

43 And he tooke the people, and diuided them into three companies, and laide waite in the field, and looked, and behold, the people were come forth out of the citie, and he rose vp against them, and smote them.

44 And Abimelech, and the companie that *was* with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entring of the gate of the citie: and the two other companies ranne vpon all the people that *were* in the fields, and slew them.

45 And Abimelech fought against the citie all that day, and he tooke the citie, and slewe the people that was therein, and beat downe the citie, and sowed it with salt.

46 ¶ And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard that, they entred into an holde of the house of the god Berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the towre of Shechem were gathered together.

48 And Abimelech gate him vp to mount Zalmon, hee and all the people that *were* with him, & Abimelech tooke an axe in his hand, and cut downe a bough from the trees, and tooke it, and laide it on his shoulder, and said vnto the people that *were* with him, What ye haue seene † me doe, make haste, and doe as I *haue done*.

† *Heb. I haue done.*

49 And all the people likewise cut downe euery man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the holde, and set the holde on fire vpon them: so that all the men of the towre of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 ¶ Then went Abimelech to The-

bez, and encamped against Thebez, and tooke it.

51 But there was a strong towre within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the citie, and shut it to them, and gate them vp to the top of the towre.

52 And Abimelech came vnto the towre, and fought against it, and went hard vnto the doore of the towre, to burne it with fire.

53 And a certaine woman * cast a piece of a milstone vpon Abimelechs head, and all to brake his scull. * 2. Sam. 11. 21.

54 Then hee called hastily vnto the young man his armour-bearer, and said vnto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slewe him: and his young man thrust him through, and he died.

55 And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed euery man vnto his place.

56 ¶ Thus God rendred the wickednesse of Abimelech which hee did vnto his father, in slaying his seuentie brethren.

57 And all the euill of the men of Shechem, did God render vpon their heads: and vpon them came the curse of Iotham the sonne of Ierubbaal.

CHAP. X.

1 Tola iudgeth Israel in Shamir. 3 Iair, whose thirtie sonnes had thirtie cities. 6 The Philistines and Ammonites oppresse Israel. 10 In their miserie, God sendeth them to their false gods. 15 Vpon their repentance, hee pitieth them.

AND after Abimelech, there arose to || defend Israel, Tola || *Or, deliuer. Heb. saue.* the sonne of Puah, the sonne of Dodo, a man of Issachar, and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim.

2 And he iudgeth Israel twenty and three yeeres, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 ¶ And after him arose Iair a Gileadite, and iudgeth Israel twentie and two yeeres.

4 And hee had thirtie sonnes that rode on thirtie asse-colts, and they had thirtie cities, which are called || Hauoth-Iair vnto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. || Or, the villages of Iair.

5 And Iair died, and was buried in Camon.

6 ¶ And

*Chap. 2. 6 ¶ And *the children of Israel did euill againe in the sight
 11. and 3. of the LORD, and serued Baalim and *Ashtaroth, and the
 7. and 4. 1. gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of
 & 6. 1. & Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the
 13. 1 gods of the Philistines, and forsooke the LORD, and serued
 *Chap. 2. 13. not him.

7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and hee solde them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.

†Hebr. crushed. 8 And that yere they vexed and †oppressed the children of Israel: eightene yeeres, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Iordan, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

9 Moreouer, the children of Ammon passed ouer Iordan, to fight also against Iudah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

10 ¶ And the children of Israel cried vnto the LORD, saying, Wee haue sinned against thee, both because wee haue forsaken our God, and also serued Baalim.

11 And the LORD said vnto the children of Israel, Did not I deliuer you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?

12 The Zidonians also and the Amalekites, and the Maonites did oppresse you, and ye cried to me, and I deliuered you out of their hand.

*Deut. 32. 13 *Yet ye haue forsaken me, and serued other gods:
 15. ierem. wherefore I will deliuer you no more.
 2. 13.

14 Go, and cry vnto the gods which ye haue chosen, let them deliuer you in the time of your tribulation.

†Hebr. is good in thine eyes. 15 ¶ And the children of Israel said vnto the LORD, We haue sinned, doe thou vnto vs whatsoeuer †seemeth good vnto thee, deliuer vs onely, wee pray thee, this day.

†Hebr. gods of strangers. 16 And they put away the †strange gods from among them, and serued the LORD: and his soule †was grieved for the misery of Israel.

†Hebr. was shortened. 17 Then the children of Ammon were †gathered together, and encamped in Gilead: and the children of Israel assembled themselues together, and encamped in Mizpeh.
 †Hebr. cried together.

18 And the people and Princes of Gi-

lead, said one to another, What man *is hee* that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall *be Head ^{*Chap. 11. 6.} ouer all the inhabitants of Gilead.

CHAP. XI.

1 The Couenant betweene Iephthah and the Gileadites, that hee should be their head. 12 The treaty of peace betweene him and the Ammonites is in vaine. 29 Iephthahs vow. 32 His conquest of the Ammonites. 34 He performeth his vow on his daughter.

NOW *Iephthah the Gileadite was a mightie man of ^{*Hebr. 11. 32. called Iephthe.} valour, and he was the sonne of †an harlot: and ^{†Hebr. a woman, an harlot.} Gilead begate Iephthah.

2 And Gileads wife bare him sonnes, and his wiues sonnes grew vp, and they thrust out Iephthah, and said vnto him, Thou shalt not inherite in our fathers house, for thou art the son of a strange woman.

3 Then Iephthah fled †from his brethren, and dwelt in ^{†Hebr. from the face.} the land of Tob: and there were gathered vaine men to Iephthah, and went out with him.

4 ¶And it came to passe, †in processe of time, that the ^{†Hebr. after dayes.} children of Ammon made warre against Israel.

5 And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the Elders of Gilead went to fetch Iephthah out of the land of Tob,

6 And they said vnto Iephthah, Come and bee our Captaine, that wee may fight with the children of Ammon.

7 And Iephthah said vnto the Elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expell me out of my fathers house? And why are ye come vnto mee now when ye are in distresse?

8 And the Elders of Gilead said vnto Iephthah, Therefore we turne againe to thee now, that thou mayest go with vs, and fight against the children of Ammon, and bee our head ouer all the inhabitants of Gilead.

9 And Iephthah said vnto the Elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home againe to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliuer them before me; shall I be your Head?

10 And the Elders of Gilead said vnto Iephthah, The LORD †be witnes betweene vs, if we doe not so according ^{†Hebr. be the hearer betweene vs.} to thy words.

11 Then Iephthah went with the Elders

ders of Gilead, and the people made him head and capitaine ouer them: and Iephthah vttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

12 ¶ And Iephthah sent messengers vnto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against mee to fight in my land?

13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered vnto the messengers of Iephthah; * Because Israel tooke away my land when they came vp out of Egypt, from Arnon euen vnto Iabbok, and vnto Iordan: now therefore restore those *lands* againe peaceably.

14 And Iephthah sent messengers againe vnto the king of the children of Ammon:

15 And said vnto him, Thus saith Iephthah; * Israel tooke not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:

16 But when Israel came vp from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness, vnto the red sea, and came to Kadesh;

17 Then * Israel sent messengers vnto the king of Edom saying, Let me, I pray thee, passe through thy land. But the king of Edom would not hearken *thereto*: And in like maner they sent vnto the king of Moab: but hee would not *consent*: & Israel abode in Kadesh.

18 Then they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the Eastside of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, * but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon *was* the border of Moab.

19 And * Israel sent messengers vnto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon, and Israel said vnto him, Let vs passe, we pray thee, thorow thy land, vnto my place.

20 But Sihon trusted not Israel, to passe through his coast: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and pitched in Iahaz, and fought against Israel.

21 And the LORD God of Israel deliuered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that countrey.

22 And they possessed *all the coasts of the Amorites, *Deut. 2.
from Arnon euen vnto Iabbok, and from the wildernesse 36.
euen vnto Iordan.

23 So nowe the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the
Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou
possesse it?

24 Wilt not thou possesse that which Chemosh thy god
giueth thee to possesse? so whomsoever the LORD our God
shal driue out from before vs, them will we possesse.

25 *And now, art thou any thing better then Balak the *Num. 22.
sonne of Zippor king of Moab? Did hee euer striue against 2. deut. 23.
Israel, or did hee euer fight against them, 4. iosh. 24.
9

26 While Israel dwelt in Heshbon, and her townes, and in
Aroer, and her townes, and in all the cities that bee along
by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred yeeres? Why there-
fore did yee not recouer them within that time?

27 Wherefore, I haue not sinned against thee, but thou
doest me wrong to warre against mee: the LORD the Iudge,
bee Iudge this day betweene the children of Israel, and the
childreu of Ammon.

28 Howbeit, the king of the children of Ammon hearkened
not vnto the words of Iephthah which hee seut him.

29 ¶ Then the Spirit of the LORD came vpon Iephthah,
and he passed ouer Gilead and Manasseh, and passed ouer
Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead hee passed
ouer vnto the children of Ammon.

30 And Iephthah vowed a vowe vnto the LORD, and said,
If thou shalt without faile deliuer the children of Ammon
into mine hands,

31 Then it shall be, that †whatsoever commeth forth of †Hebr.
the doores of my house to meete me, when I returne in *that which*
peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the *commeth*
LORDS, †and I will offer it vp for a burnt offering. *forth shall*
come forth.

32 ¶ So Iephthah passed ouer vnto the children of Ammon †Or, I will
to fight against them, and the LORD deliuered them into *offer it,*
his hands. *Ec.*

33 And he smote them from Aroer, euen till thou come
to Minnith, *euen* twentie cities, and vnto the †plaine of †Or, Abel.
the vineyards, with a very great slaughter: thus the children
of Am-
mon

mon were subdued before the children of Israel.

34 ¶ And Iephthah came to Mizpeh vnto his house, and beholde, his daughter came out to meete him with timbrels and with dances, and she was his onely childe: || beside her he had neither sonne nor daughter.

|| Or, he had
not of his
owne either
sonne or
daughter.
Heb. of
himselfe.

35 And it came to passe when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter, thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me: for I haue opened my mouth vnto the LORD, and I cannot goe backe.

36 And she said vnto him, My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth vnto the LORD, doe to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, euen of the children of Ammon.

37 And she said vnto her father, Let this thing be done for me: Let me alone two moneths, that I may †goe vp and downe vpon the mountaines, and bewaile my virginitie, I, and my fellowes.

† Heb. Goe,
and goe
downe.

38 And he said, Goe. And he sent her away for two moneths, and shee went with her companions, and bewailed her virginitie vpon the mountaines.

|| Or, ordi-
nance.

† Heb.
from yeere
to yeere.
|| Or, to
talke with.

39 And it came to passe at the ende of two moneths that shee returned vnto her father, who did with her according to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man: & it was a || custome in Israel,

40 That the daughters of Israel went †yeerely || to lament the daughter of Iephthah the Gileadite foure dayes in a yeere.

CHAP. XII.

1 The Ephraimites quarrelling with Iephthah, and discerned by Shibboleth, are slaine by the Gileadites. 7 Iephthah dieth. 8 Ibzan, who had thirtie sonnes and thirtie daughters, 11 and Elon, 13 and Abdon who had fourtie sonnes, and thirtie nephewes, iudged Israel.

† Hebr.
were called.

AND the men of Ephraim †gathered themselues together, and went Northward, & said vnto Iephthah, Wherefore passedst thou ouer to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call vs to goe with thee? Wee will burne thine house vpon thee with fire.

2 And Iephthah saide vnto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon: and when I called you, ye deliuered me not out of their hands.

3 And when I sawe that ye deliuered *me* not, I put my life in my handes, and passed ouer against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliuered them into my hand: Wherefore then are ye come vp vnto me this day, to fight against me?

4 Then Iephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Yee Gileadites are fugitiues of Ephraim, among the Ephraimites and among the Manassites.

5 And the Gileadites tooke the passages of Iordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so that when those Ephraimites which were escaped saide, Let me go ouer, that the men of Gilead said vnto him, Art thou an Ephraimite? If he said, Nay:

6 Then said they vnto him, Say now, Shibboleth: and he said, Sibboleth: for hee could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they tooke him, and slewe him at the passages of Iordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites, fourtie & two thousand.

7 And Iephthah iudged Israel sixe yeeres: then died Iephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

8 ¶ And after him Ibzan of Bethlehem iudged Israel.

9 And hee had thirtie sonnes, and thirtie daughters, whome hee sent abroad, and tooke in thirtie daughters from abroad for his sonnes. And hee iudged Israel seuen yeeres.

10 Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Bethlehem.

11 ¶ And after him, Elon, a Zebulonite iudged Israel, and he iudged Israel ten yeeres.

12 And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aialon in the countrey of Zebulun.

13 ¶ And after him, Abdon, the sonne of Hillel a Pirathonite iudged Israel.

14 And he had fourty sonnes, and thirtie †nephewes, that rode on threescore and ten asse-colts: and he iudged Israel eight yeeres,

† *Heb.*
sonnes
sonnes.

15 And Abdon the sonne of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Israel is in the hand of the Philistines. 2 An Angel appeareth to Manoahs wife. 8 The Angel appeareth to Manoah. 15 Manoahs sacrifice, whereby the Angel is discovered. 24 Samson is borne.

† *Hebr. added to commit, &c.*

* Chap. 2.

11. and 3.

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and 10. 6.

AND the children of Israel † * did euill againe in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD deliuered them into the hand of the Philistines forty yeeres.

2 ¶ And there was a certaine man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah, and his wife was barren, and bare not.

3 And the Angel of the LORD appeared vnto the woman, and said vnto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceiue and beare a sonne.

* Num. 6.

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4 Now therefore beware * I pray thee, and drinke not wine, nor strong drinke, and eat not any vncleane thing.

* Num. 6.

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5 For loe, thou shalt conceiue, and beare a sonne, and * no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite vnto God from the wombe: and he shall begin to deliuer Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

6 ¶ Then the woman came, and told her husband, saying; A man of God came vnto mee, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an Angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name:

7 But he said vnto mee, Behold, thou shalt conceiue and beare a sonne; and now, drinke no wine nor strong drinke, neither eate any vncleane thing: for the childe shall be a Nazarite to God, from the wombe, to the day of his death.

8 ¶ Then Manoah entreated the LORD, and said, O my LORD, let the man of God which thou didst send, come againe vnto vs, & teach vs what we shall do vnto the childe that shall be borne.

9 And God hearkened to the voyce of Manoah; and the Angel of God came againe vnto the woman as shee

sate in the field: But Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ranne, and shewed her husband, and said vnto him; Behold, the man hath appeared vnto me, that came vnto me the *other* day.

11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said vnto him, Art thou the man that spakest vnto the woman? And he said, I am.

12 And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to passe: †How shall wee order the childe, and ||*how* shall we doe vnto him?

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13 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto Manoah, Of all that I said vnto the woman, let her beware.

14 She may not eate of any thing that commeth of the Vine, neither let her drinke wine or strong drinke, nor eat any vncleane thing: all that I commanded her, let her obserue.

||*Or, what*
shall he
doe? Hebr.
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be his
worke?

15 ¶ And Manoah saide vnto the Angel of the LORD, I pray thee let vs deteine thee, vntill wee shall haue made ready a kid †for thee.

†*Hebr. be-*
fore thee.

16 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto Manoah, Though thou deteine mee, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it vnto the LORD: for Manoah knew not that he was an Angel of the LORD.

17 And Manoah said vnto the Angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy sayings come to passe, we may doe thee honour?

18 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it is ||secret?

||*Or, won-*
derfull.

19 So Manoah tooke a kid, with a meat offering, and offered it vpon a rocke vnto the LORD: and the Angel did wonderfully, and Manoah and his wife looked on.

20 For it came to passe, when the flame went vp toward heauen from off the altar, that the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on it, and fell on their faces to the ground.

21 (But the Angel of the LORD did no more appeare to Manoah and to his wife:) then Manoah knewe that he *was* an Angel of the LORD.

22 And Manoah said vnto his wife,

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* Exod. 33. * Wee shall surely die, because wee haue seene God.

20. chap. 6. 22. 23 But his wife said vnto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill vs, he would not haue receiued a burnt offering and a meat offering at our hands, neither would hee haue shewed vs all these things, nor would as at this time haue told vs *such things* as these.

24 ¶ And the woman bare a sonne, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, & the LORD blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the LORD beganne to mooue him at times in the campe of Dan, betweene Zorah and Eshtaol.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Samson desireth a wife of the Philistines. 2 In his iourney hee killeth a Lion. 8 In a second iourney hee findeth hony in the carkeis. 10 Samsons marriage feast. 12 His riddle by his wife is made knowen. 19 He spoileth thirtie Philistines. 20 His wife is married to another.

ANd Samson went down to Timnath, and sawe a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines.

2 And hee came vp, and told his father and his mother, and said, I haue seene a woman in Timnath, of the daughters of the Philistines: nowe therefore get her for me to wife.

3 Then his father and his mother said vnto him, Is there neuer a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the vncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said vnto his father, Get her for me, for †shee pleaseth me well.

† *Heb. she is right in mine eyes.* 4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that hee sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion ouer Israel.

5 ¶ Then went Samson downe, and his father & his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and behold, a young Lion roared †against him.

† *Hebr. in meeting him.* 6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily vpon him, and hee rent him as he would haue rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but hee told not his father or his mother what hee had done.

7 And hee went downe and talked with the woman, and she pleased Samson well.

8 ¶ And after a time hee returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carkeis of the Lion: and beholde, there was a swarme of Bees, and honie in the carkeis of the Lion.

9 And hee tooke thereof in his handes, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and hee gaue them, and they did eate: but he told not them that he had taken the hony out of the carkeis of the Lion.

10 ¶ So his father went downe vnto the woman, and Samson made there a feast: for so vsed the young men to doe.

11 And it came to passe when they saw him, that they brought thirtie companions to be with him.

12 ¶ And Samson said vnto them, I will now put foorth a riddle vnto you: if you can certainly declare it me, within the seuen dayes of the feast, and finde it out, then I will giue you thirtie ||sheetes, and thirtie change of garments: || Or, shirts.

13 But if ye cannot declare it me, then shall yee giue me thirtie sheetes, and thirtie change of garments. And they said vnto him, Put foorth thy riddle, that we may heare it.

14 And hee said vnto them, Out of the eater came foorth meate, and out of the strong came foorth sweetnesse. And they could not in three dayes expound the riddle.

15 And it came to passe on the seuenth day, that they said vnto Samsons wife, Entice thy husband, that hee may declare vnto vs the riddle, lest we burne thee and thy fathers house with fire: Haue yee called vs, † to take that wee haue? is it not so? † Heb. to possesse vs, or to impoverish vs?

16 And Samsons wife wept before him, and said, Thou doest but hate me, and louest me not: thou hast put foorth a riddle vnto the children of my people, and hast not tolde *it* me. And hee said vnto her, Behold, I haue not tolde *it* my father nor my mother, and shall I tell *it* thee?

17 And shee wept before him || the seuen dayes, while the feast lasted: and it came to passe on the seuenth day, that he tolde her, because shee lay sore vpon him: and she tolde the riddle to the children of her people. || Or, the rest of the seuen dayes, &c.

18 And

18 And the men of the city said vnto him on the seuenth day before the sunne went downe, What is sweeter then honie? and what is stronger then a Lion? And he said vnto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, yee had not found out my riddle.

19 ¶ And the Spirit of the LORD came vpon him, and hee went downe to Ashkelon, and slewe thirtie men of them, and tooke their ||spoile, and gaue change of garments vnto them which expounded the riddle, and his anger was kindled, and hee went vp to his fathers house.

20 But Samsons wife was *giuen* to his companion, whom hee had vsed as his friend.

CHAP. XV.

1 Samson is denied his wife. 3 He burneth the Philistines corne with foxes and firebrands. 6 His wife and her father are burnt by the Philistines. 7 Samson smiteth them hip and thigh. 9 He is bound by the men of Iudah and deliuered to the Philistines. 14 Hee killeth them with a iawbone. 18 God maketh the fountaine En-hakkore for him in Lehi.

BVt it came to passe within a while after, in the time of wheat haruest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid, and he said, I will goe in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to goe in.

2 And her father saide, I verily thought that thou haddest vtterly hated her, therfore I gaue her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer then she? †take her, I pray thee, in stead of her.

3 ¶ And Samson said concerning them, ||Now shal I be more blamelesse then the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure.

4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and tooke ||firebrands, and turned taile to taile, and put a fire-brand in the midst betweene two tailes.

5 And when hee had set the brands on fire, he let them goe into the standing corne of the Philistines, and burnt vp both the shockes, and also the standing corne, with the vineyards *and* oliues.

6 ¶ Then the Philistines saide, Who hath done this? and they answered, Samson the sonne in law of

†*Heb. let her be thine.*

||*Or, now shall I bee blamelesse from the Philistines, though, &c.*

||*Or, torches.*

the Timnite, because hee had taken his wife, and giuen her to his companion. And the Philistines came vp, and burnt her and her father with fire.

7 ¶ And Samson said vnto them, Though ye haue done this, yet will I be auenged of you, and after that, I wil cease.

8 And he smote them hip and thigh, with a great slaughter; and hee went down and dwelt in the top of the rocke Etam.

9 ¶ Then the Philistines went vp, and pitched in Iudah, and spread themselues in Lehi.

10 And the men of Iudah said, Why are ye come vp against vs? and they answered, To bind Samson are we come vp, to doe to him, as he hath done to vs.

11 Then three thousand men of Iudah †went to the top of †*Heb. went downe.* the rocke Etam, and sayd to Samson; Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers ouer vs? What is this that thou hast done vnto vs? And he said vnto them, As they did vnto me, so haue I done vnto them.

12 And they said vnto him, Wee are come downe to binde thee, that we may deliuer thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said vnto them, Swear vnto me, that yee will not fall vpon me your selues.

13 And they spake vnto him, saying; No: but wee will binde thee fast, and deliuer thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cordes, and brought him vp from the rocke.

14 ¶ And when he came vnto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily vpon him, and the cordes that were vpon his armes became as flaxe that was burnt with fire, & his bands †loosed from off his hands. †*Hebr. were melted.*

15 And he found a †new iawbone of an asse, and put forth his hand, and tooke it, and slewe a thousand men therewith. †*Heb. moist.*

16 And Samson said, With the iawbone of an asse, †heapes vpon heapes, with the iaw of an asse haue I slaine a thousand men. †*Heb. an heape, two heapes.*

17 And it came to passe when he had made an end of speaking, that hee cast away the iaw bone out of his hand, and called that place || Ramath-Lehi. †*That is, The lifting vp of the iaw-bone,*

18 ¶ And hee was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast †*or, casting away of the iaw-bone.*

hast giuen this great deliuerance into the hand of thy seruant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the vncircumcised?

||*Or, Lehi.* 19 But God claue an hollow place that was in ||the iawe, and there came water thereout, & when he had drunke, his spirit came againe, and he reuiued: wherefore hee called the name thereof ||En-hakkore, which is in Lehi, vnto this day:
 ||*That is, the well of him that called or cried.* 20 And he iudged Israel in the dayes of the Philistines twentie yeeres.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samson at Gaza escapeth, and carieth away the gates of the city.
 4 Delilah corrupted by the Philistines, entiseth Samson. 6 Thise she is deceiued. 15 At last shee ouercommeth him. 21 The Philistines take him, and put out his eyes. 22 His strength renewing, hee pulleth downe the house vpon the Philistines, and dieth.

†*Heb. a woman an harlot.*

Then went Samson to Gaza, and saw there †an harlot, and went in vnto her.

†*Heb. silent.*

2 *And it was told* the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed *him* in, and layd wait for him all night in the gate of the citie, and were †quiet all the night, saying, In the morning when it is day, we shall kill him.

†*Heb. with the barre.*

3 And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and tooke the doores of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, †barre and all, and put them vpon his shoulders, and caried them vp to the toppe of an hill that is before Hebron.

||*Or, by the brooke.*

4 ¶ And it came to passe afterward, that he loued a woman in the valley ||of Sorek, whose name was Delilah.

||*Or, humble.*

5 And the lords of the Philistines came vp vnto her, and said vnto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength *lieth*, and by what meanes we may preuaile against him, that we may bind him, to ||afflict him: and we will giue thee euery one of vs, eleuen hundreth *pieces* of siluer.

||*Or, newe coards. heb. moist.*

6 ¶ And Delilah said to Samson, Tel me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength *lyeth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound, to afflict thee.

7 And Samson said vnto her, If they binde mee with *seuen* ||greene withs, that were neuer dried, then shall

I be weake, and be as †another man.

† *Heb. one.*

8 Then the lords of the Philistines brought vp to her seuen greene withs, which had not bene dried, & she bound him with them.

9 Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber: and she said vnto him, The Philistines *be* vpon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a threed of tow is broken, when it †toucheth the fire: so his strength was not knownen.

† *Heb.*

10 And Delilah said vnto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told mee lies: now tell mee, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

smelleth.

11 And he said vnto her, If they bind me fast with newe ropes †that neuer were occupied, then shall I bee weake, and be as another man.

† *Heb.*

12 Delilah therfore tooke new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said vnto him, The Philistines *be* vpon thee, Samson. (And there were liers in wait abiding in the chamber.) and hee brake them from off his armes, like a threed.

wherewith worke hath not bin done.

13 And Delilah said vnto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said vnto her, If thou weauest the seuen lockes of my head with the web.

14 And she fastened it with the pinne, and said vnto him, The Philistines *be* vpon thee, Samson. And hee awaked out of his sleepe, and went away with the pinne of the beame, & with the web.

15 ¶ And shee said vnto him, How canst thou say, I loue thee, when thine heart is not with mee? Thou hast mocked mee these three times, and hast not told me wherin thy great strength *lieth*.

16 And it came to passe, when she pressed him daily with her wordes, and vrged him, *so* that his soule was †vexed vnto death,

† *Heb.*

17 That he told her all his heart, and said vnto her, There hath not come a rasor vpon mine head: for I *haue bene* a Nazarite vnto God from my mothers wombe: If I bee shauen, then my strength will goe from me, and I shall become weake, and bee like any *other* man.

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18 And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the Lords of the Philistines, saying, Come vp this once, for hee hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the

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Philistines came vp vnto her, & brought money in their hand.

19 And she made him sleepe vpon her knees, and she called for a man, and she caused him to shaue off the seuen lockes of his head, and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.

20 And she said, The Philistines be vpon thee, Samson. And hee awoke out of his sleepe, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake my selfe. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

† *Hebr. boared out.* 21 ¶ But the Philistines tooke him and † put out his eyes, and brought him downe to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brasse, and he did grind in the prison house.

22 Howbeit, the haire of his head began to grow againe, || after he was shauen.

|| *Or, as when he was shauen.* 23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together, for to offer a great sacrifice vnto Dagon their god, and to reioyce: for they said, Our god hath deliuered Samson our enemy into our hand.

24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath deliuered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our countrey, † which slew many of vs.

† *Hebr. and who multiplied our slaine.* 25 And it came to passe when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that hee may make vs sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house, and he made † them sport, and they set him betweene the pillars.

† *Hebr. before them.*

26 And Samson said vnto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer mee, that I may feele the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may leane vpon them.

27 Now the house was full of men and women, and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there: and *there were* vpon the roofoe about three thousand men and women, that behelde while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called vnto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, & strengthen mee, I pray thee, onely this once, O God, that I may be at once auenged of the Philistines, for my two eyes.

|| *Or, he leaned on them.* 29 And Samson tooke hold of the two middle pillars, vpon which the house stood, and || on which it was borne

vp, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let † me die with the Philistines: & † *Hebr. my soule.* he bowed himselfe with *all his* might: and the house fel vpon the lords, and vpon all the people that were therein: so the dead which he slew at his death, were moe, then they which he slew in his life.

31 Then his brethren, and all the house of his father, came downe, and tooke him, and brought *him* vp, and buried him betweene Zorah and Eshtaol, in the burying place of Manoah his father: and hee iudged Israel twentie yeeres.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Of the money that Micah first stole, then restored, his mother maketh Images, 5 and hee ornaments for them. 6 He hireth a Leuite to be his Priest.

AND there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah.

2 And he said vnto his mother, The eleuen hundred *shekels* of siluer, that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine eares, behold, the siluer is with mee, I tooke it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my sonne.

3 And when hee had restored the eleuen hundred *shekels* of siluer to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the siluer vnto the LORD, from my hand, for my sonne, to make a grauen image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it vnto thee.

4 Yet hee restored the money vnto his mother, and his mother tooke two hundred *shekels* of siluer, and gaue them to the founder, who made thereof a grauen image and a molten image, and they were in the house of Micah.

5 And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an * Ephod, and * Teraphim, and † consecrated one of his sonnes, who became his Priest. * Chap. 8. 27.

6 * In those dayes *there was* no king in Israel, but euery man did that which was right in his owne eyes. * Gen. 31. 19. ose. 3.

7 ¶ And there was a young man out of Bethlehem Iudah, of the family of Iudah, who was a Leuite, and he sojourned there. † *Hebr. filled the hand.*
* Chap. 18. 1. and 21. 25.

8 And the man departed out of the citie

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citie from Bethlehem Iudah, to sojourne where he could finde *a place*: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, † as he iourneyed.

† *Heb. in making his way.*

9 And Micah said vnto him, Whence comdest thou? And he said vnto him, I am a Leuite, of Bethlehem Iudah, and I goe to sojourne where I may finde *a place*.

10 And Micah said vnto him, Dwell with me, and be vnto me a father and a Priest, and I will giue thee ten *shekels* of siluer by the yeere, and || a suite of apparell, and thy victuals. So the Leuite went in.

|| *Or, a double suit, &c. Heb. an order of garments.*

11 And the Leuite was content to dwell with the man, and the yong man was vnto him as one of his sonnes.

12 And Micah consecrated the Leuite, and the young man became his Priest, and was in the house of Micah.

13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will doe me good, seeing I haue a Leuite to my Priest.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 The Danites send fūe men to seeke out an inheritance. 3 At the house of Micah they consult with Ionathan, and are encouraged in their way. 7 They search Laish, and bring backe newes of good hope. 11 Sixe hundred men are sent to surprize it. 14 In the way they robbe Micah of his Priest and his consecrate things. 27 They win Laish and call it Dan. 30 They set vp Idolatrie, wherein Ionathan inherited the Priesthood.

* Chap. 17. 6. and 21. 25.

I N * those dayes *there was* no king in Israel: and in those daies the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwel in: for vnto that day, *all* their inheritance had not fallen vnto them, among the tribes of Israel.

† *Hebr. sonnes.*

2 And the children of Dan sent of their family, fūe men from their coasts, † men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it, and they said vnto them, Goe, search the land: Who when they came to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.

3 When they *were* by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the yong man the Leuite: and they turned in thither, & said vnto him, Who brought thee hither? And what makest thou in this place? and what hast thou here?

4 And hee said vnto them, Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his Priest.

5 And they sayd vnto him, Aske counsell, we pray thee, of God, that we may know, whether our way which we goe, shall be prosperous.

6 And the Priest said vnto them, Goe in peace: before the LORD *is* your way wherein ye goe.

7 ¶ Then the fve men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt carelesse, after the maner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure, and there was no †magistrate in the land that might put them to shame in †*Heb. possessor, or heire of restraint.* any thing, and they *were* farre from the Zidonians, and had no businesse with any man.

8 And they came vnto their brethren to Zorah, and Eshtaol: and their brethren said vnto them, What *say* yee?

9 And they said, Arise, that we may goe vp against them: for we haue seene the land, and behold, it *is* very good: and are ye still? Bee not slothfull to goe, *and* to enter to possesse the land.

10 When ye goe, ye shall come vnto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath giuen it into your handes: a place where there is no want of any thing, that *is* in the earth.

11 ¶ And there went from thence of the family of the Danites out of Zorah, and out of Eshtaol, sixe hundred men, †appoynted with weapons of warre.

12 And they went vp, and pitched in Kiriath-iearim, in †*Heb. girded.* Iudah: Wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-Dan, vnto this day: behold, *it is* behinde Kiriath-iearim.

13 And they passed thence vnto mount Ephraim, and came vnto the house of Micah.

14 ¶ Then answered the fve men that went to spie out the countrey of Laish, and saide vnto their brethren, Doe ye know that there is in these houses an Ephod, and Teraphim, and a grauen image, and a molten image? Now therefore consider what ye haue to doe.

15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the yong man the Leuite, *euen* vnto the house of Micah, and †saluted him.

16 And the six hundred men appointed †*Heb. asked him of peace*

ted with their weapons of war, which were of the children of Dan, stood by the entring of the gate.

17 And the five men that went to spie out the land, went vp *and* came in thither, *and* tooke the grauen image, and the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the molten image: and the Priest stood in the entring of the gate, with the sixe hundreth men that were appointed with weapons of warre.

18 And these went into Micahs house, and fetched the carued image, the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the molten image: then said the Priest vnto them, What doe ye?

19 And they said vnto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand vpon thy mouth, and goe with vs, and bee to vs a father and a Priest: Is it better for thee to bee a Priest vnto the house of one man, or that thou be a Priest vnto a tribe and a family in Israel?

20 And the Priests heart was glad, and he tooke the Ephod, and the Teraphim, and the grauen image, and went in the midst of the people.

21 So they turned, and departed, and put the little ones, and the cattell, and the cariage before them.

22 ¶ *And* when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses neere to Micahs house, were gathered together, and ouertooke the children of Dan.

23 And they cried vnto the children of Dan: and they turned their faces, and said vnto Micah, What aileth thee, †that thou comimest with such a company?

24 And he said, Yee haue taken away my gods which I made, and the Priest, and ye are gone away: and what haue I more? and what is this that yee say vnto me, What aileth thee?

25 And the children of Dan said vnto him, Let not thy voyce bee heard among vs, lest †angry fellowes run vpon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the liues of thy houshold.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah sawe that they were too strong for him, he turned and went backe vnto his house.

27 And they tooke the things which Micah had made, and the Priest which hee had, and came vnto Laish, vnto a people that were at quiet, and secure, and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the citie with fire.

† Heb. that
thou art
gathered
together?

† Heb.
bitter of
soule.

28 And there was no deliuerer, because it was farre from Zidon, and they had no businesse with any man: and it was in the valley that *lieth* by Beth-rehob, and they built a citie, and dwelt therein.

29 And they called the name of the *city, Dan, after the *Iosh. 19. name of Dan their father, who was borne vnto Israel: how- 47. beit the name of the citie was Laish at the first.

30 ¶ And the children of Dan set vp the grauen image: and Jonathan the sonne of Gershom, the sonne of Manasseh, hee and his sonnes, were Priests to the tribe of Dan, vntill the day of the captiuitie of the land.

31 And they set them vp Micahs grauen image, which hee made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 A Leuite goeth to Bethlehem to fetch home his wife. 16 An old man entertaineth him at Gibeah. 22 The Gibeonites abuse his concubine to death. 29 He diuideth her into twelue pieces to send them to the twelue tribes.

AND it came to passe in those dayes, * when there *was* no *Chap. 17. King in Israel, that there was a certaine Leuite soourn- 6. and 18. ing on the side of mount Ephraim, who tooke to him †a 1 and 21. concubine out of Bethlehem Iudah. 25.

2 And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him vnto her fathers house to Bethlehem Iudah, and was there || foure whole moneths. †Heb. a woman a concubine, or a wife a concubine.

3 And her husband arose, and went after her to speake †friendly vnto her, and to bring her againe, hauing his seruant with him, and a couple of asses: and shee brought him into her fathers house, and when the father of the damsell saw him, he reioyced to meet him. || Or, a yeere and foure moneths. Heb. dayes, foure moneths.

4 And his father in law, the damosels father, reteined him, and hee abode with him three dayes: so they did eate and drinke, and lodged there. †Heb. to her heart.

5 ¶ And it came to passe on the fourth day, when they arose earely in the morning, that he rose vp to depart: and the damosels father saide vnto his sonne in lawe, †Comfort †Heb. thine heart with a morsell of bread, and afterward goe your strengthen.

6 And

6 And they sate downe, and did eat and drinke both of them together: for the damosels father had saide vnto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tary all night, and let thine heart be merrie.

7 And when the man rose vp to depart, his father in law vrged him: therfore he lodged there againe.

8 And hee arose early in the morning on the fift day to depart, and the damosels father sayd, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they taried †vntill after noone, and they did eate both of them.

†Hebr. till
the day de-
clined.

9 And when the man rose vp to depart, hee and his concubine, and his seruant; his father in law, the damsels father, said vnto him, Behold, now the day †draweth towardes euening, I pray you tarie all night: behold, †the day groweth to an ende, lodge heere, that thine heart may be merrie; and to morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest goe †home.

†Hebr. is
weake.
†Hebr. it is
the pitch-
ing time of
the day.
†Hebr. to
thy tent.
†Hebr. to o-
uer against
Iebus.

10 But the man would not tary that night, but he rose vp and departed, and came †ouer against Iebus (which is Ierusalem:) and *there were* with him two asses sadled, his concubine also *was* with him.

11 And when they *were* by Iebus, the day was farre spent, and the seruant said vnto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let vs turne in into this citie of the Iebusites, and lodge in it.

12 And his master said vnto him, We will not turne aside hither into the citie of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel, we wil passe ouer to Gibeah.

13 And hee sayde vnto his seruant, Come, and let vs draw neere to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah.

14 And they passed on and went their way, and the sunne went downe vpon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in *and* to lodge in Gibeah: and when he went in, he sate him downe in a street of the citie: for there was no man that tooke them into his house to lodging.

16 ¶ And behold, there came an olde man from his worke out of the field at euen, which was also of mount Ephraim; and hee soiourned in Gibeah, but the men of the place were Beniamites.

17 And when he had lift vp his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man in the streete

of the citie: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comdest thou?

18 And he said vnto him, We are passing from Bethlehem Iudah, toward the side of mount Ephraim, from thence am I: and I went to Bethlehem Iudah, but I am *now* going to the house of the LORD, and there is no man that †receiueth me to house. † *Hebr. ga-thereth.*

19 Yet there is both straw and prouender for our asses, and there is bread and wine also for me and for thy handmaid, and for the young man *which is* with thy seruants: there is no want of any thing.

20 And the olde man said, Peace be with thee; howsoever, let all thy wants *lie* vpon me; only lodge not in the street.

21 So he brought him into his house, and gaue prouender vnto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eate and drinke.

22 ¶ Now as they were making their hearts merrie, behold, the men of the citie, certaine sonnes of Belial, beset the house round about, *and* beat at the doore, and spake to the master of the house, the olde man, saying; Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

23 And *the man, the master of the house, went out vnto them, and said vnto them, Nay my brethren, nay, I pray you doe not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, doe not this folly. * Genes. 19. 6.

24 Behold, *here is* my daughter, a maiden, and his concubine, them I wil bring out now, and humble yee them, and doe with them what seemeth good vnto you: but vnto this man doe not †so vile a thing.

25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man tooke his concubine, and brought her forth vnto them, and they knew her, and abused her all the night vntil the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her goe. † *Hebr. the matter of this folly.*

26 Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell downe at the doore of the mans house, where her lord was, till it was light.

27 And her lord rose vp in the morning, & opened the doores of the house, and went out to goe his way: and behold, the woman his concubine was fallen downe at the doore of the house, and her hands *were* vpon the threshold.

28 And

28 And he said vnto her, Vp, and let vs be going. But none answered: then the man tooke her *vp* vpon an asse, and the man rose vp, and gate him vnto his place.

29 ¶ And when he was come into his house, hee tooke a knife, and layd hold on his concubine, and diuided her, *together* with her bones, into twelue pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel.

30 And it was so that all that saw it, said, There was no such deed done nor seene, from the day that the children of Israel came vp out of the land of Egypt, vnto this day: consider of it, take aduise, and speake *your mindes*.

CHAP. XX.

1 The Leuite in a generall assembly declareth his wrong. 8 The decree of the assembly. 12 The Beniamites being cited, make head against the Israelites. 18 The Israelites in two battels loose fourty thousand. 26 They destroy by a stratageme all the Beniamites, except sixe hundred.

THen all the children of Israel went out, and the Congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, vnto the LORD in Mizpeh.

2 And the chiefe of al the people, *euen* of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselues in the assembly of the people of God, foure hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.

3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone vp to Mizpeh.) Then said the children of Israel, Tell vs, how was this wickednesse?

4 And †the Leuite the husband of the woman that was slaine, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that *belongeth* to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge.

5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about vpon me by night, and thought to haue slaine mee, *and* my concubine haue they †forced that she is dead.

6 And I tooke my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the countrey of the inheritance of Israel: for they haue committed lewdnesse and folly in Israel.

†*Heb. the man the Leuite.*

†*Heb. humbled.*

7 Behold, ye are all children of Israel, giue here your aduise and counsell.

8 ¶ And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any *of vs* goe to his tent, neither will wee any *of vs* turne into his house:

9 But now, this *shall bee* the thing which we will doe to Gibeah, *we will goe vp* by lot against it:

10 And we wil take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victuall for the people, that they may doe, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they haue wrought in Israel.

11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the citie, †knit together as one man.

12 ¶ And the tribes of Israel sent men thorow all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickednesse is this that is done among you?

† *Hebr.*
fellowes.

13 Now therfore deliuer vs the men, the children of Belial which *are* in Gibeah, that wee may put them to death, and put away euill from Israel: but the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel.

14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselues together out of the cities, vnto Gibeah, to goe out to battell against the children of Israel.

15 And the children of Benjamin were numbred at that time out of the cities, twentie and sixe thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbred seuen hundred chosen men.

16 Among all this people *there were* seuen hundred chosen men *left handed, euery one could sling stones at an haire *breadth*, and not misse.

* Chap. 3.
15.

17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbred foure hundred thousand men that drewe sword; all these *were* men of warre.

18 ¶ And the children of Israel arose, and went vp to the house of God, and asked counsell of God, and saide, Which of vs shall goe vp first to the battell against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Iudah shall *goe vp* first.

19 And the children of Israel rose vp in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah.

20 And

20 And the men of Israel went out to battell against Benjamin, and the men of Israel put themselues in aray to fight against them at Gibeah.

21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroied downe to the ground of the Israelites that day, twenty & two thousand men.

22 And the people the men of Israel encouraged themselues, & set their battell againe in aray, in the place where they put themselues in aray the first day.

23 (And the children of Israel went vp and wept before the LORD vntill Euen, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I goe vp againe to battell against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD saide, Goe vp against him.)

24 And the children of Israel came neere against the children of Benjamin, the second day.

25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, & destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel againe, eighteene thousand men, all these drew the sword.

26 ¶ Then all the children of Israel, and all the people went vp, and came vnto the house of God, and wept, and sate there before the LORD, and fasted that day vntill Euen, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings before the LORD.

27 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the Arke of γ couenant of God *was* there in those daies,

28 And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar the sonne of Aaron stood before it in those dayes.) saying; Shall I yet againe goe out to battel against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Goe vp; for to morrow I will deliuer them into thine hand.

29 And Israel set lyers in waite round about Gibeah.

30 And the children of Israel went vp against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselues in aray against Gibeah, as at other times.

31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawen away from the citie, and they began to †smite of the people *and* kill as at other times, in the high wayes, of which one goeth vp to || the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirtie men of Israel.

† *Hebr. to smite of the people wounded as at G^c.*
|| *Or, Bethel.*

32 And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten downe before vs, as at the first: But the children of Israel said, Let vs flee, and draw them from the citie, vnto the high wayes.

33 And all the men of Israel rose vp out of their place, and put themselues in aray at Baal Tamar: and the lyers in waite of Israel came forth out of their places, euen out of the medowes of Gibeah.

34 And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men, out of all Israel, and the battell was sore: but they knew not that euill was neere them.

35 And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel, and the children of Israel destroyed of the Beniamites that day, twentie and fve thousand, and an hundred men; all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gaue place to the Beniamites, because they trusted vnto the lyers in wait, which they had set beside Gibeah.

37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed vpon Gibeah, and the liers in wait || drew *themselves* along, and smote all the citie with the edge of the sword. || Or, *made a long sound with the trumpet.*

38 Nowe there was an appointed || signe between the men of Israel † and the liers in wait, that they should make a great † flame with smoke rise vp out of the citie. † Or, *time.*

39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battell, Benjamin began to † smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirtie persons; for they saide, Surely they are smitten downe before vs, as *in* the first battell. † Heb. *with elevation.*

40 But when the flame began to arise vp out of the citie, with a pillar of smoke, the Beniamites looked behind them, and behold, the † flame of the citie ascended vp to heauen. † Heb. *the whole consumption.*

41 And when the men of Israel turned againe, the men of Benjamin were amased; for they saw that euill † was come vpon them. † Heb. *touched them.*

42 Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel, vnto y way of the wildernes, but the battel ouertooke them: & them which came out of the cities, they destroyed in the midst of them.

43 Thus they inclosed the Beniamites round about, and chased them, and trode them downe || with ease † ouer against Gibeah toward the sunne rising. || Or, *from Menuchah, &c.*

44 And there fell of Benjamin ouer a-
eighteene *gainst.*

and smite them.

Iudges.

eightene thousand men; all these *were* men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness vnto the rocke of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the high wayes fīue thousand men: and pursued hard after them vnto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them.

46 So that all which fell that day of Benjamin, were twentie and fīue thousand men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valour.

* Chap. 21.
13.

47 * *But* sixe hundred men turned and fledde to the wilderness vnto the rocke Rimmon, and abode in the rocke Rimmon foure moneths.

48 And the men of Israel turned againe vpon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of euery citie, as the beast, and all that † came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that † they came to.

† Heb. was
found.
† Heb. were
found.

CHAP. XXI.

1 The people bewaile the desolation of Benjamin. 8 By the destruction of Iabesh Gilead they prouide them foure hundred wiues. 16 They aduise them to surprise the virgines that daunced at Shiloh.

NOwe the men of Israel had sworne in Mizpeh, saying, There shall not any of vs giue his daughter vnto Benjamin to wife.

2 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till euen before God, and lift vp their voices, and wept sore:

3 And said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to passe in Israel, that there should bee to day one tribe lacking in Israel?

4 And it came to passe on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an Altar, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings.

5 And the children of Israel sayd, Who *is there* among all the tribes of Israel, that came not vp with the congregation vnto the LORD? for they had made a great oath concerning him that came not vp to the LORD to Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day:

7 How shall wee doe for wiues for them that remaine, seeing wee haue sworne by the LORD, that wee will not giue them of our daughters to wiues?

8 ¶ And they said, What one *is there* of the tribes of Israel, that came not vp to Mizpeh to the LORD? And beholde, there came none to the campe from Iabesh Gilead to the assembly.

9 For the people were numbred, and behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelue thousand men of the valiantest, and commaunded them, saying, Goe, and smite the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children.

11 And this *is* the thing that yee shall doe, * Yee shall vtterly destroy euery male, and euery woman that hath †lien by man.

* Num. 31.

† Heb.

knoweth

the lying

with man.

† Hebr.

yong

women vir-

gins.

† Hebr.

and spake

and called.

† Or, pro-

claime

peace.

12 And they found among the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead, foure hundred †yong virgins that had knowen no man, by lying with any male: and they brought them vnto the campe to Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole Congregation sent *some* † to speake to the children of Benjamin that *were* in the rocke Rimmon, and to ||call peaceably vnto them.

14 And Benjamin came againe at that time, and they gaue them wiues which they had saued aliuie of the women of Iabesh Gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not.

15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 ¶ Then the Elders of the Congregation said, How shall we doe for wiues for them that remaine? seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin.

17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that bee escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not destroyed out of Israel.

18 Howbeit wee may not giue them wiues of our daughters. For the children of Israel haue sworne, saying, Cursed be he that giueth a wife to Benjamin.

† Heb.

from yeere

to yeere.

19 Then they said, Behold, *there is* a feast of the LORD in Shiloh †yerely, *in a place which is* on the Northside of Bethel

† Or, to-

wards the

Sunne ris-

ing.

on the || East side || of the hie way

that

† Or, on.

that goeth vp from Bethel to Shechem, and on the South of Lebanon.

20 Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Goe and lie in wait in the vineyards.

21 And see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to daunce in daunces, then come yee out of the vineyards, and catch you euery man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and goe to the land of Benjamin.

22 And it shall bee when their fathers or their brethren come vnto vs to complaine, that we will say vnto them,

|| Bee fauourable vnto them for our sakes: because we reserued not to each man his wife in the warre: for yee did

|| Or,
gratifie vs
in them.

¶ THE

CHAP. I.

1 Elimelech driuen by famine into Moab, dieth there. 4 Mahlon and Chilion, hauing married wiues of Moab, die also. 6 Naomi returning homeward, 8 disswadeth her two daughters in law from going with her. 14 Orpah leaueth her, but Ruth with great constancie accompanieth her. 19 They two come to Bethlehem, where they are gladly receiued.

N Owe it came to passe in the dayes when ^ŷ Iudges [†]ruled, that there was a famine in the land: and a certaine man of Bethlehem Iudah, went to sojourne in the countrey of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sonnes.

2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife, Naomi, and the name of his two sonnes, Mahlon, and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehem Iudah: and they came into the countrey of Moab, and [†]continued there.

3 And Elimelech Naomies hus-

† Hebr.
iudged.

† Hebr.
were.

not giue vnto them at this time, that you should be guiltie.

23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and tooke them wiues according to their number, of them that daunced, whome they caught: and they went and returned vnto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.

24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, euery man to his tribe, and to his family, and they went out from thence euery man to his inheritance.

25 * In those dayes there was no King in Israel: euery man did that which was right in his owne eyes.

* Chap. 17.
6. and 18.
1. and 19.
1.

BOOKE OF

Ruth.

band died, and shee was left, and her two sonnes;

4 And they tooke them wiues of the women of Moab: the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten yeeres.

5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them, and the woman was left of her two sonnes, and her husband.

6 ¶ Then shee arose with her daughters in law, that shee might returne from the countrey of Moab: for shee had heard in the countrey of Moab, how that the LORD had visited his people, in giuing them bread.

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her: and they went on the way to returne vnto the land of Iudah.

8 Aud Naomi said vnto her two daughters in law, Goe, returne each to her mothers house: the LORD deale kindly with you, as ye haue dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 The LORD graunt you, that you may finde rest each of *you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them,

them, and they lift vp their voyce and wept.

10 And they said vnto her, Surely wee will returne with thee, vnto thy people.

11 And Naomi said, Turne againe, my daughters: why will you goe with mee? Are there yet any moe sonnes in my wombe, that they may be your husbands?

12 Turne againe, my daughters, go *your way*, for I am too old to haue an husband: if I should say, I haue hope, if I should || haue a husband also to night, and should also beare sonnes:

|| Or, if I
were with
an hus-
band.
† Heb.
hope.
† Hebr. I
haue much
bitternes.

13 Would ye † tary for them till they were growen? would ye stay for them from hauing husbands? nay my daughters: for † it griueth me much for your sakes, that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

14 And they lift vp their voyce, and wept againe: and Orpah kissed her mother in law, but Ruth claue vnto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone backe vnto her people, and vnto her gods: returne thou after thy sister in law.

16 And Ruth said, || Intreate mee not to leaue thee, *or* to returne from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will goe; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:

17 Where thou diest, wil I die, and there will I bee buried: the LORD doe so to me, and more also, if *ought* but death part thee and me.

18 When shee sawe that shee † was stedfastly minded to goe with her, then shee left speaking vnto her.

19 ¶ So they two went vntill they came to Bethlehem: And it came to passe when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the citie was moued about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

20 And she said vnto them, Call me not || Naomi; call mee || Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

21 I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home againe emptie: Why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitesse her daughter in law

† Hebr.
strengthen-
ed her selfe.

|| That is,
pleasant.
|| That is,
bitter.

CHAP. II.

10 Then she fel on her face, and bowed her selfe to the
ground, and said vnto
Bb him,

him, Why haue I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?

11 And Boaz answered and said vnto her, It hath fully bene shewed me, all that thou hast done vnto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy natiuitie, and art come vnto a people, which thou knewest not heretofore.

12 The LORD recompense thy worke, and a full reward be giuen thee of the LORD God of Israel, vnder whose wings thou art come to trust.

|| *Or, I finde fauour.*

† *Heb. to the heart.*

13 Then she said, || Let me finde fauour in thy sight, my lord, for that thou hast comforted mee, and for that thou hast spoken † friendly vnto thine handmaid, though I be not like vnto one of thy hand-maidens.

14 And Boaz sayde vnto her, At meale time come thou hither, and eate of the bread, and dip thy morsell in the vineger. And shee sate beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corne, and she did eate, and was sufficed, and left.

15 And when shee was risen vp to gleane, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her gleane euen among the sheaues, & † reproch her not.

† *Heb.*

shame her not.

16 And let fall also *some* of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leaue them that she may gleane *them*, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field vntill euen, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an Ephah of barley.

18 ¶ And shee tooke *it* vp, and went into the citie: and her mother in lawe saw what shee had gleaned; and shee brought foorth, and gaue to her that she had reserued, after she was sufficed.

19 And her mother in law said vnto her, Where hast thou gleaned to day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be hee that did take knowledge of thee. And shee shewed her mother in lawe with whom shee had wrought, and said, The mans name with whom I wrought to day, is Boaz.

|| *Or, one that hath right to re-deeme.*

20 And Naomi said vnto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindnesse to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said vnto her, The man is neere of kin vnto vs, || one of our next kinsemen.

21 And Ruth the Moabitesse said,

He said vnto me also, Thou shalt keepe fast by my yong men, vntill they haue ended all my haruest.

22 And Naomi said vnto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou goe out with his maidens, that they || meete thee not in any other field.

*|| Or, fall
vpon thee.*

23 So shee kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to gleane, vnto the end of barley haruest, and of wheat haruest, and dwelt with her mother in law.

CHAP. III.

1 By Naomi her instruction, 5 Ruth lieth at Boaz his feete. 8 Boaz acknowledgeth the right of a kinseman. 14 He sendeth her away with sixe measures of barley.

THen Naomi her mother in law said vnto her, My daughter, shal I not seeke rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?

2 And now is not Boaz of our kinred, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to night in the threshing floore.

3 Wash thy selfe therefore, and annoint thee, and put thy raiment vpon thee, and get thee downe to the floore: *but* make not thy selfe knowne vnto the man, vntill hee shall haue done eating and drinking.

4 And it shall be when hee lieth downe, that thou shalt marke the place where hee shall lie, and thou shalt goe in, and || vncover his feete, and lay thee downe, and he will tell thee what thou shalt doe.

*|| Or, lift vp
the clothes
that are on
his feete.*

5 And shee said vnto her, All that thou sayest vnto me, I will doe.

6 ¶ And she went downe vnto the floore, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her.

7 And when Boaz had eaten and drunke, and his heart was merrie, hee went to lie downe at the ende of the heape of corne: and she came softly, and vncovered his feet, and laid her downe.

8 ¶ And it came to passe at midnight, that the man was afraid, and || turned himselfe: and behold, a woman lay at his feete.

*|| Or, tooke
hold on.*

9 And hee said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt ouer thine handmaid, for thou *art* || a neare kinseman.

*|| Or, one
that hath
right to
redeeme.*

10 And

10 And hee said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: *for* thou hast shewed more kindnesse in the latter ende, then at the beginning, in as much as thou followedst not yong men, whether poore, or rich.

11 And now my daughter, feare not, I will doe to thee all *† Heb. gate.* that thou requirest: for all the *†*citie of my people doeth know, that thou art a vertuous woman.

12 And now it is true, that I am *thy* neare kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer then I.

13 Tary this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if hee will performe vnto thee the part of a kinsman, well, let him doe the kinsemans part; but if hee will not doe the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I doe the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liueth: lie downe vntill the morning.

14 ¶ And shee lay at his feete vntill the morning: and she rose vp before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be knowen, that a woman came into the floore.

15 Also he said, Bring the *¶*vaile that thou hast vpon thee, and holde it. And when she helde it, he measured sixe *measures* of barley, and laide it on her: and he went into the citie.

16 And when shee came to her mother in law, she said, Who *art* thou, my daughter? and she tolde her all that the man had done to her.

17 And she said, These sixe *measures* of barley gaue he me, for he said to me, Go not emptie vnto thy mother in law.

18 Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, vntill thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, vntil he haue finished the thing this day.

CHAP. III.

1 Boaz calleth into iudgment the next kinsman. 6 He refuseth the redemption according to the maner in Israel. 9 Boaz buyeth the inheritance. 11 He marrieth Ruth. 13 She beareth Obed the grandfather of Dauid. 18 The generation of Pharez.

THen went Boaz vp to the gate, and sate him downe there: and beholde, the kinsman of whome Boaz spake, came by, vnto whom he said, Ho, such a one: turne aside, sit downe here. And hee turned aside, and sate downe.

2 And hee tooke ten men of the Elders of the citie, and said, Sit ye downe here. And they sate downe.

3 And he said vnto the kinsman: Naomi that is come againe out of the countrey of Moab, selleth a parcell of land, which was our brother Elimelechs.

4 And †I thought to aduertise thee, saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the Elders of my people. If thou wilt redeeme *it*, redeeme *it*, but if thou wilt not redeeme *it*, then tell mee, that I may know: for there is none to redeeme *it*, besides thee, and I *am* after thee. And he said, I will redeeme *it*. *† Heb. I said I wil reueale in thine eare.*

5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy *it* also of Ruth the Moabitesse, the wife of the dead, to raise vp the name of the dead vpon his inheritance.

6 ¶ And the kinsman said, I cannot redeeme *it* for my selfe, lest I marre mine owne inheritance: redeeme thou my right to thy selfe, for I cannot redeeme *it*.

7 *Now this was *the maner* in former time in Israel, concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirme all things: a man plucked off his shooe, and gaue *it* to his neighbour: and this *was* a testimonie in Israel. * Deut. 25. 7. 9.

8 Therefore the kinsman said vnto Boaz, Buy *it* for thee: so he drew off his shooe.

9 ¶ And Boaz saide vnto the Elders, and vnto all the people, Ye *are* witnesses this day, that I haue bought all that was Elimelechs, and all that was Chilions, and Mahlons, of the hande of Naomi.

10 Moreouer, Ruth the Moabitesse, the wife of Mahlon, haue I purchased to be my wife, to raise vp the name of the dead vpon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye *are* witnesses this day.

11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the Elders said, *Wee are* witnesses: The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house, like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and ||do thou worthily in Ephratah, and †bee famous in Bethlehem. *|| Or, get thee riches or power. † Hebr. proclaime thy name. * Gen. 38.*

12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, (*whom Tamar bare vn- 29. 1. chro. 2. 4. matt.

Elkanah, and

I. Samuel.

to Iudah) of the seed which the LORD shall giue thee of this yong woman.

13 ¶ So Boaz tooke Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in vnto her, the LORD gaue her conception, and she bare a sonne.

14 And the women said vnto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD which hath not †left thee this day without a ||kinseman, that his name may bee famous in Israel:

15 And he shalbe vnto thee a restorer of *thy* life, and †a nourisher of †thine old age: for thy daughter in law which loueth thee, which is better to thee then seuen sonnes, hath borne him.

16 And Naomi tooke the childe, and

¶ THE of Samuel, first Booke

CHAP. I.

1 Elkanah a Leuite hauing two wiues, worshippeth yeerely at Shiloh.
4 Hee cherisheth Hannah, though barren, and prouoked by Peninnah. 9 Hannah in grieve, prayeth for a childe. 12 Eli first rebuking her, afterwards blesseth her. 19 Hannah hauing borne Samuel, stayeth at home till he be weaned. 24 She presenteth him, according to her vow, to the LORD.

NOW there was a certaine man of Ramathaim Zophim, of mount Ephraim, & his name was Elkanah, the sonne of Ieroham, the sonne of Elihu, the sonne of Tohu, the sonne of Zuph, an Ephrathite;

2 And he had two wiues, the name of the one *was* Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

laid it in her bosome, and became nurse vnto it.

17 And the women her neighbours gaue it a name, saying, There is a sonne borne to Naomi, and they called his name Obed: hee *is* the father of Iesse the father of Dauid.

18 ¶ Now these are the generations of Pharez: * Pharez * 1. Chron. 2. 4. matt. 1. 3.
begate Hezron,

19 And Hezron begate Ram, and Ram begate Amminadab,

20 And Amminadab begate Nahshon, and Nahshon begate
¶ Salmon,

21 And Salmon begate Boaz, and Boaz begate Obed,

22 And Obed begat Iesse, and Iesse begate Dauid.

¶ Or, *Sal-mah.*

FIRST BOOKE

otherwise called, The

of the Kings.

3 And this man went vp out of his citie *† yeerely, to wor- * Deut. 16. 16.
ship and to sacrifice vnto the LORD of hostes in Shiloh; and
the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas, the Priests of † Hebr.
the LORD, *were* there. *from yeere to yeere.*

4 ¶ And when the time was, that Elkanah offered, he gaue to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sonnes, and her daughters, portions.

5 But vnto Hannah he gaue ¶ a worthy portion: (for hee ¶ Or, a
loued Hannah, but the LORD had shut vp her wombe. *double por-
tion.*

6 And her aduersary also † prouoked her sore, for to make † Hebr. an-
her fret, because the LORD had shut vp her wombe.) *gred her.*

7 And *as* he did so yeere by yeere, ¶ when she went vp to ¶ Or, from
the house of the LORD, so she prouoked her; therefore she *the time
that she,
&c. Hebr.*
wept, and did not eat.

8 Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why *from her
going vp.*
weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy
heart grieved? Am not I better to thee, then ten sonnes?

9 ¶ So Hannah rose vp after they had eaten in Shiloh, and
after they had
drunke,

drunke; (now Eli the Priest sate vpon a seat by a poste of the Temple of the LORD.)

† *Hebr. bitter of soule.* 10 And shee was † in bitternesse of soule, and prayed vnto the LORD, and wept sore.

† *Hebr. seed of men.* 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hostes, if thou wilt indeed looke on the affliction of thine handmayd, and remember me, and not forget thine handmayd, but wilt giue vnto thine handmayd † a man childe, then I will giue him vnto the LORD all the dayes of his life, and * there shall no raser come vpon his head.

* Num. 6. 5. iudg. 13. 5. † *Hebr. multiplied to pray.* 12 And it came to passe as she † continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, shee spake in her heart; onely her lippes mooued, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had beene drunken.

14 And Eli said vnto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.

† *Hebr. hard of spirit.* 15 And Hannah answered, and said, No, my lord, I am a woman † of a sorrowfull spirit: I haue drunke neither wine nor strong drinke, but haue powred out my soule before the LORD.

|| *Or, meditation.* 16 Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my || complaint and griefe, haue I spoken hitherto.

17 Then Eli answered, and said, Goe in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition, that thou hast asked of him.

18 And she said, Let thine handmaid finde grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eate, and her countenance was no more *sad*.

19 ¶ And they rose vp in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knewe Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembred her.

† *Hebr. reuelation of dayes.* 20 Wherefore it came to passe when the † time was come about, after Hannah had conceiued, that shee bare a sonne, and called his name || Samuel, *saying*; Because I haue asked him of the LORD.

21 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went vp to offer vnto the LORD the yeerely sacrifice, and his vowe.

22 But Hannah went not vp; for

shee said vnto her husband, *I will not goe vp vntill the childe be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appeare before the LORD, and there abide for euer.*

23 And Elkanah her husband said vnto her, Do what seemeth thee good, tary vntill thou haue weaned him, only the LORD establish his word: so the woman abode, and gaue her sonne sucke vntill she weaned him.

24 ¶ And when shee had weaned him, shee tooke him vp with her, with three bullocks, and one Ephah of floure, and a bottle of wine, and brought him vnto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the childe *was* young. || Or, returned him, whom I haue obtained by petition to the LORD.

25 And they slew a bullooke, and brought the childe to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soule liueth, my lord, *I am* the woman, that stood by thee heere, praying vnto the LORD. || Or, hee whom I haue obtained by petition, shalbe returned.

27 For this childe I prayed, and the LORD hath giuen me my petition, which I asked of him:

28 Therefore also I haue ||lent him to the LORD as long as hee liueth, ||he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

CHAP. II.

1 Hannahs song in thankefulnesse. 12 The sinne of Elies sonnes. 18 Samuels ministerie. 20 By Elies blessing, Hannah is more fruitfull. 22 Eli reprooueth his sonnes. 28 A prophecie against Elies house.

AND Hannah prayed, and said, My heart reioyceth in the LORD, mine horne is exalted in the LORD: my mouth is enlarged ouer mine enemies: because I reioyce in thy saluation.

2 There *is* none holy as the LORD: for there *is* none beside thee: neither *is* there any Rocke like our God.

3 Talke no more so exceeding proudly, let *not* †arrogancie †Hebr. hard. come out of your mouth: for the LORD *is* a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bowes of the mightie men are broken, and they that stumbled are girt with strength.

5 They that *were* full, haue hired out themselues for bread: and they that *were* hungry, ceased: so that the barren

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hath borne seuen, and she that hath many children, is waxed feeble.

* Deut. 32. 6 * The LORD killeth and maketh alieue, he bringeth downe
39. wisd. to the graue, and bringeth vp.

16. 13. tob. 7 The LORD maketh poore, and maketh rich: he bringeth
13. 2. low, and lifteth vp.

* Psal. 113. 8 He * raiseth vp the poore out of the dust, *and* lifteth vp
7. the begger from the dunghill, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth *are* the LORDS, and hee hath set the world vpon them.

9 He will keepe the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall bee silent in darkenesse; for by strength shall no man preuaile.

* Chap. 7. 10 The aduersaries of the LORD shalbe broken to pieces:
10. * out of heauen shal he thunder vpon them: the LORD shall iudge the ends of the earth, and he shal giue strength vnto his king, and exalt the horne of his Anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house, and the child did minister vnto the LORD before Eli the Priest.

12 ¶ Now the sonnes of Eli were sonnes of Belial, they knewe not the LORD.

13 And the priests custome with the people *was*, *that* when any man offred sacrifice, the priestes seruant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a flesh-hooke of three teeth in his hand,

14 And he strooke *it* into the panne, or kettle, or caldron, or pot: all that the flesh-hooke brought vp, the priest tooke for himselfe: so they did in Shiloh vnto all the Israelites that came thither.

15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priests seruant came, & said to the man that sacrificed, Giue flesh to roste for the priest, for he wil not haue sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

† Hebr. as 16 And if any man said vnto him, Let them not faile to
on the day. burne the fat † presently, and then take *as much* as thy soule desireth: then hee would answere him, Nay, but thou shalt giue it mee now: and if not, I will take it by force.

17 Wherefore the sinne of the yong men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

* Exod. 28. 18 ¶ But Samuel ministred before the LORD, being a child,
4. * girded with a linnen Ephod.

19 Moreouer, his mother made him a litle coate, and brought it to him from yeere to yeere, when she came vp with her husband, to offer the yeerely sacrifice.

20 ¶ And Eli blessed Elkanah, and his wife, and said, The LORD giue thee seed of this woman, for the ||loane which is lent to the LORD. And they went vnto their owne home.

|| Or, petition which hee asked, &c.

21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that shee conceiued, and bare three sonnes, and two daughters: and the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

22 ¶ Now Eli was very olde, and heard all that his sonnes did vnto all Israel, and how they lay with the women that †assembled at the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

† Hebr. assembled by troupes.

23 And he said vnto them, Why doe ye such things? for ||I heare of your euil dealings, by all this people.

|| Or, I heare euill words of you.

24 Nay my sonnes: for it is no good report that I heare; yee make the LORDS people to ||transgresse.

25 If one man sinne against another, the Iudge shall iudge him: but if a man sinne against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not vnto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

|| Or, to cry out.

26 (And the child Samuel grew on, and was in fauour, both with the LORD, and also with men.)

27 ¶ And there came a man of God vnto Eli, and saide vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appeare vnto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaohs house?

28 And did I chuse him out of all the tribes of Israel, to be my Priest, to offer vpon mine altar, to burne incense, to weare an Ephod before mee? and *did I giue vnto the house of thy father, all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

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29 Wherefore kicke ye at my sacrifice, and at mine offering, which I haue commaunded in my habitation, and honourest thy sonnes aboue mee, to make your selues fat with the chiefeest of all the offrings of Israel my people?

30 Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I sayd indeede, that thy house, & the house of thy father should walke before me for euer: but now the LORD saith, Be it farre from

mee;
for

is threatened.

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for them that honour me, I will honour, and they that despise me, shall be lightly esteemed.

31 Behold, the dayes come, that I will cut off thine arme, and the arme of thy fathers house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house.

|| Or, the affliction of the Tabernacle, for all the wealth which God would haue giuen Israel.
32 And thou shalt see *||* an enimie *in my* habitation, in all the wealth which God shall giue Israel, and there shall not bee an olde man in thine house for euer.

|| Or, the wealth which God would haue giuen Israel.
33 And the man of thine, *whom* I shall not cut off from mine Altar, *shall be* to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die *†* in the floure of their age.

† Heb. men.
34 And this shall bee a signe vnto thee, that shall come vpon thy two sonnes, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die both of them.

35 And I will raise me vp a faithfull Priest, that shall doe according to *that which is* in my heart and in my mind, and I will build him a sure house, and hee shall walke before mine Anointed for euer.

† Heb. ioyne.
|| Or, Some-what about the Priesthood.
36 And it shall come to passe, that euery one that is left in thine house, shal come *and* crouch to him for a piece of siluer, and a morsel of bread, and shall say, *†* Put me (I pray thee) into *||* one of the Priests offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

CHAP. III.

1 How the word of the Lord was first reuealed to Samuel. 11 God telleth Samuel the destruction of Elies house. 15 Samuel, though loth, telleth Eli the vision. 19 Samuel groweth in credit.

AND the child Samuel ministred vnto the LORD before Eli: and the word of the LORD was precious in those daies; there was no open vision.

2 And it came to passe at that time, when Eli was layd downe in his place, and his eyes beganne to waxe dimme, that he could not see;

3 And yer the lampe of God went out in the Temple of the LORD, where the Arke of God was, and Samuel was layd downe *to sleepe*;

4 That the LORD called Samuel, and he answered, Here am I.

5 And he ranne vnto Eli, and sayd,

Here am I, for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie downe againe. And he went and lay downe.

6 And the LORD called yet againe, Samuel. And Samuel arose, and went to Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou diddest call me. And he answered, I called not, my sonne; lie downe againe.

7 || Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet reuealed vnto him. *|| Or, thus did*

8 And the LORD called Samuel againe the third time. And hee arose, and went to Eli, and said, Here am I, for thou diddest call me. And Eli perceiued that the LORD had called the childe. *Samuel, before he knew the LORD; and before the word of the LORD was reuealed vnto him.*

9 Therefore Eli said vnto Samuel, Go, lie downe, & it shal be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speake LORD, for thy seruant heareth. So Samuel went, and lay downe in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speake, for thy seruant heareth.

11 ¶ And the LORD sayd to Samuel, Behold, I will doe a thing in Israel, at which, both the eares of *euery one that heareth it, shall tingle. ** 2. Kin. 21. 12.*

12 In that day, I will performe against Eli, all things which I haue spoken concerning his house: † when I begin, I will also make an end. *† Hebr. beginning and ending.*

13 || * For I haue tolde him, that I will iudge his house for euer, for the iniquitie which hee knoweth: because his sonnes made themselues || vile, and he † restrained them not. *|| Or, and I will tell him, &c.*

14 And therefore I haue sworne vnto the house of Eli, that the iniquitie of Elies house shall not be purged with sacrifice, nor offering for euer. ** Chap. 2. 29, 30, 31, &c.*

15 ¶ And Samuel lay vntill the morning, and opened the doores of the house of the LORD: and Samuel feared to shew Eli the vision. *|| Or, accursed. † Hebr. frowned not vpon them.*

16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel my sonne. And he answered, Here am I.

17 And he said, What *is* the thing that the LORD hath said vnto thee? I pray thee hide it not from mee: God doe so to thee, and † more also, if thou hide *any* || thing from me, of all the things that hee said vnto thee. *† Hebr. so adde. || Or, word. † Hebr all the things, or words.*

18 And Samuel tolde him † euery whit, and hid nothing from him. And hee

Israel is ouercome.

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he said, It *is* the LORD: Let him doe what seemeth him good.

19 ¶ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, knew that Samuel was ¶ established to bee a Prophet of the LORD.

¶ Or, faithfull.

21 And the LORD appeared againe in Shiloh: for the LORD reueiled himselfe to Samuel in Shiloh, by the word of the LORD.

CHAP. III.

1 The Israelites are ouercome by the Philistines at Aben-Ezer. 3 They fetch the Arke, vnto the terrour of the Philistines. 10 They are smitten againe, the Arke taken, Hophni and Phinehas are slaine. 12 Eli at the newes, falling backward, breaketh his necke. 19 Phinehas wife, discouraged in her trauaile with Ichabod, dieth.

¶ Or, came to passe:
Hebr. was.

AND the word of Samuel ¶ came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battell, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

† Hebr. the battell was spread.
† Hebr. the aray.

2 And the Philistines put themselues in aray against Israel: and when † they ioyned battell, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of † the armie in the field, about foure thousand men.

† Hebr. take vnto vs.

3 ¶ And when the people were come into the campe, the Elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten vs to day before the Philistines? Let vs † fetch the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD out of Shiloh vnto vs, that when *it* commeth among vs, *it* may saue vs out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD of hostes, which dwelleth *betweene* the Cherubims: and the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas *were* there, with the Arke of the Couenant of God.

5 And when the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD came into the campe, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang againe.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in

the campe of the Hebrewes? And they vnderstood, that the Arke of the LORD was come into the campe.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they saide, God is come into the campe. And they said, Woe vnto vs: for there hath not bene such a thing †heretofore.

8 Woe vnto vs: who shall deliuer vs out of the hand of these mightie Gods? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. † Hebr. yesterday, or the third day.

9 Bee strong, and quit your selues like men, O ye Philistines, that yee be not seruants vnto the Hebrewes, *as they haue bene to you: †quit your selues like men, and fight. * Iudg. 13. 1.

10 ¶ And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled euery man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter, for there fell of Israel thirtie thousand footmen. † Hebr. Be men.

11 And the Arke of God was taken, and the two sonnes of Eli, Hophni, and Phinehas †were slaine. † Hebr. died.

12 ¶ And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth vpon his head.

13 And when hee came, loe, Eli sate vpon a seat by the way side, watching: for his heart trembled for the Arke of God. And when the man came into the citie, and told it, all the city cried out.

14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, hee said; What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli.

15 Now Eli was ninetie and eight yeeres old, and *his eyes †were dimme, that he could not see. * Chap. 3. 2.

16 And the man said vnto Eli, I am he, that came out of the army, and I fled to day out of the army. And he said, What †is there done, my sonne? † Hebr. stood.

17 And the messenger answered, and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath bene also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sonnes also, Hophni & Phinehas, are dead, and the Arke of God is taken. † Hebr. is the thing.

18 And it came to passe when hee made mention of the Arke of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his necke brake, and hee died: for hee was an old man, and heauie, and hee had iudged Israel fortie yeeres.

19 ¶ And

19 ¶ And his daughter in law Phinehas wife was with
|| Or, to
crie out.
 childe *neere* ||to be deliuered: and when shee heard the
 tidings that the Arke of God was taken, and that her father
 in law, and her husband were dead, shee bowed her selfe and
 traueyled; for her paines †came vpon her.

†*Hebr.*
were
turned.
 20 And about the time of her death, the women that
 stood by her, said vnto her: Feare not, for thou hast borne
 a sonne. But she answered not, †neither did she regard
 it.

†*Heb. set*
not her
heart
 ||*That is,*
where is
the glory?
 ||*Or, there*
is no glory.
 21 And she named the childe ||Ichabod, saying, ||The
 glory is departed from Israel, (because the Arke of God
 was taken, and because of her father in law and her
 husband.)

22 And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the
 Arke of God is taken.

CHAP. V.

1 The Philistines hauing brought the Arke into Ashdod, set it in the
 house of Dagon. 3 Dagon is smitten downe and cut in pieces, and
 they of Ashdod smitten with Emerods. 8 So God dealeth with them
 of Gath, when it was brought thither: 10 and so with them of
 Ekron when it was brought thither.

And the Philistines tooke the Arke of God, and brought it
 from Eben-ezer vnto Ashdod.

2 When the Philistines tooke the Arke of God, they brought
 it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.

3 ¶ And when they of Ashdod arose earely on the morrow,
 behold, Dagon was fallen vpon his face to the earth, before
 the Arke of the LORD: and they tooke Dagon, and set him
 in his place againe.

4 And when they arose earely on the morrow morning,
 behold, Dagon was fallen vpon his face to the ground, before
 the Arke of the LORD: and the head of Dagon, and both
 the palmes of his hands were cut off vpon the threshold, only
 ||the stumpe of Dagon was left to him.

||*Or, the*
filthy part.

5 Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that
 come into Dagons house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in
 Ashdod vnto this day.

6 But the hand of the LORD was heauy vpon them of Ash-
 dod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with *E-

* Psal. 78.
 66.

merods, *euen* Ashdod, and the coastes thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so, they said, The Arke of the God of Israel shall not abide with vs: for his hand is sore vpon vs, and vpon Dagon our god.

8 They sent therefore, and gathered all the lords of the Philistines vnto them, and said, What shall we doe with the Arke of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the Arke of the God of Israel bee caried about vnto Gath. And they caried the Arke of the God of Israel about *thither*.

9 And it was so, that after they had caried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the citie with a very great destruction: and hee smote the men of the citie both small and great, and they had Emerods in their secret parts.

10 ¶ Therefore they sent the Arke of God to Ekron: and it came to passe as the Arke of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They haue brought about the Arke of the God of Israel to vs, to slay vs, and our people.

11 So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the Arke of the God of Israel, and let it goe againe to his owne place, that it slay vs not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the citie: The hand of God was very heauy there.

12 And the men that died not, were smitten with the Emerods: and the cry of the citie went vp to heauen.

CHAP. VI.

1 After seuen moneths the Philistines take counsell, how to send backe the Arke. 10 They bring it on a new cart with an offering vnto Bethshemesh. 19 The people are smitten for looking into the Arke. 21 They send to them of Kiriath-iearim to fetch it.

AND the Arke of the LORD was in the countrey of the Philistines seuen moneths.

2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diuiners, saying, What shall we doe to the Arke of the LORD? Tell vs wherewith we shall send it to his place?

3 And they said, If yee send away the Arke of the God of Israel, send it
Israel, send it
not

not empty : but in any wise returne him a trespasse offering : then ye shall be healed, and it shall be knowne to you, why his hand is not remooued from you.

† Heb.
them.

4 Then said they, What *shall be* the trespasse offering, which wee shall returne to him? They answered, Fiue golden Emerods, and fiue golden mice, *according to* the number of the lordes of the Philistines : for one plague was on † you all, and on your lords.

5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your Emerodes, and images of your Mice, that marre the land, and ye shall giue glory vnto the God of Israel : peraduenture hee will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land.

|| Or, re-
prochfully.
* Exod. 12.

6 Wherefore then doe yee harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought || wonderfully among them, * did they not let † the people goe, and they departed?

31.
† Heb.
them.

7 Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch-kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring the calues home from them.

8 And take the Arke of the LORD, and lay it vpon the cart, and put the iewels of golde, which ye returne him for a trespasse offering, in a coffer by the side thereof, and send it away, that it may goe.

|| Or, it.

9 And see, if it goeth vp by the way of his owne coast to Bethshemesh, then || he hath done vs this great euill : but if not, then wee shall know that it is not his hand that smote vs; it *was* a chance *that* happened to vs.

10 ¶ And the men did so : and tooke two milch-kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut vp their calues at home.

11 And they layde the Arke of the LORD vpon the cart, and the coffer, with the mice of golde, and the images of their Emerods.

12 And the kine tooke the straight way to the way of Bethshemesh, and went along the high way, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand, or to the left : and the lords of the Philistines went after them, vnto the border of Bethshemesh.

13 And they of Bethshemesh were reaping their wheat haruest in the valley : and they lifted vp their eyes, and saw the Arke, and reioyced to see *it*.

14 And the cart came into the field of Ioshua a Bethshemite, & stood there, where there *was* a great stone: and they claue the wood of the cart, and offered the kine, a burnt offering vnto the LORD.

15 And the Leuites tooke downe the Arke of the LORD, and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the iewels of golde *were*, and put them on the great stone: And the men of Bethshemesh offered burnt offrings, and sacrificed sacrifices the same day vnto the LORD.

16 And when the fiue lordes of the Philistines had seene *it*, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these are the golden Emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespasse offering vnto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one.

18 And the golden Mice *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines, *belonging to* the fiue lordes, both of fenced cities, and of countrey villages, euen vnto the ||great ||Or, *great* stone of Abel, whereon they set downe the Arke of the LORD; *stone.* *which stone remaineth* vnto this day, in the field of Ioshua the Bethshemite.

19 ¶ And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the Arke of the LORD, euen he smote of the people fiftie thousand, and threescore and tenne men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten *many* of the people with a great slaughter.

20 And the men of Bethshemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shal he goe vp from vs?

21 ¶ And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-iearim, saying, The Philistines haue brought againe the Arke of the LORD; come ye downe, and fetch it vp to you.

CHAP. VII.

- 1 They of Kiriath-iearim bring the Arke into the house of Abinadab, and sanctifie Eleazar his sonne to keepe it. 2 After twentie yeeres
3 The Israelites, by Samuels meanes, solemnly repent at Mizpeh.
7 While Samuel prayeth and sacrificeth, the Lord discomfitteth the Philistines by thunder, at Eben-ezer. 13 The Philistines are subdued.
15 Samuel peaceably and religiously iudgeth Israel.

And

AND the men of Kiriath-earim came, and fetcht vp the Arke of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his sonne, to keepe the Arke of the LORD.

2 And it came to passe while the Arke abode in Kiriath-earim, that the time was long: for it was twentie yeeres: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.

3 ¶ And Samuel spake vnto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye doe returne vnto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* *put away the strange gods, and *Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts vnto the LORD, and *serue him onely: & he will deliuer you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Israel did put away *Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and serued the LORD onely.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you vnto the LORD.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and powred it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, Wee haue sinned against the LORD. And Samuel iudged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went vp against Israel: and when the children of Israel heard *it*, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, †Cease not to crie vnto the LORD our God for vs, that he will saue vs out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 ¶ And Samuel tooke a sucking lambe, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly vnto the LORD; and Samuel cried vnto the LORD for Israel, and the LORD ||heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering vp the burnt offering, the Philistines drewe neere to battell against Israel: but the LORD thundred with a great thunder on that day vpon the Philistines, and discomfited them, and they were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, vntill *they came vnder* Bethcar.

* Iosh. 24.

15. 23.

* Iudg. 2.

13.

* Deut. 6.

4. matt. 4.

10. luke 4.

8.

* Iudg. 2.

11.

† Heb. be
not silent
from vs
from cry-
ing.

|| Or,
answered.

12 Then Samuel tooke a stone, and set it betweene Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it ||Eben-Ezer, saying, ^{|| That is, the stone of helpe.} Hitherto hath the LORD helped vs.

13 ¶ So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines, all the dayes of Samuel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel, were restored to Israel, from Ekron euen vnto Gath, and the coasts thereof did Israel deliuer out of the hands of the Philistines: and there was peace betweene Israel and the Amorites.

15 And Samuel iudged Israel all the dayes of his life.

16 And he went from yeere to yeere †in circuit to Bethel, ^{† Heb. and he circuit-ed.} and Gilgal, and Mizpeh, and iudged Israel in all those places.

17 And his returne *was* to Ramah: for there *was* his house: and there hee iudged Israel, and there hee built an altar vnto the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

1 By occasion of the ill gouernment of Samuels sonnes, the Israelites aske a King. 6 Samuel praying in grieve is comforted by God. 10 Hee telleth the manner of a King. 19 God willeth Samuel to yeeld vnto the importunitie of the people.

AND it came to passe, when Samuel was old, that he made his sonnes Iudges ouer Israel.

2 Now the name of his first borne was Ioel, and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* Iudges in Beer-sheba.

3 And his sonnes walked not in his wayes, but turned aside after lucre, and *tooke bribes, & peruered iudgement.

* Deut. 16.

4 Then all the Elders of Israel gathered themselues together, and came to Samuel vnto Ramah,

19.

5 And said vnto him, Behold, thou art olde, and thy sonnes walke not in thy wayes: now *make vs a King to iudge vs, like all the nations.

* Ose. 13.
10 acts 13.

6 ¶ But the thing †displeased Samuel, when they said, Giue vs a King to iudge vs: and Samuel prayed vnto the LORD.

21.
† Heb. was euill in the eyes of Samuel.

7 And the LORD said vnto Samuel,

muel, Hearken vnto the voyce of the people in all that they say vnto thee : for they haue not reiected thee, but they haue reiected mee, that I should not reigne ouer them.

8 According to all the works which they haue done since the day that I brought them vp out of Egypt euen vnto this day, wherewith they haue forsaken me, and serued other gods : so doe they also vnto thee.

|| *Or, obey.*

|| *Or, notwithstanding, when thou hast solemnly protested against them, then thou shalt shew, &c.*

9 Nowe therefore || hearken vnto their voyce : || howbeit, yet protest solemnly vnto them, and shew them the maner of the King that shall reigne ouer them.

10 ¶ And Samuel told all the words of the LORD vnto the people, that asked of him a King.

11 And hee sayd, This will be the maner of the king that shall reigne ouer you : Hee will take your sonnes, and appoint *them* for himselfe for his charets, and to bee his horsemen, and *some* shall runne before his charets.

12 And hee will appoint him Captaines ouer thousands, and captaines ouer fifties, and *will set them* to eare his ground, and to reape his haruest, and to make his instruments of warre, and instruments of his charets.

13 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cookes, and to be bakers.

14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliue-yards, *euen* the best of *them*, and giue *them* to his seruants.

† *Heb. Ennuches.*

15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and giue to his † officers, and to his seruants.

16 And hee will take your men seruants, and your mayd seruants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his worke.

17 Hee will take the tenth of your sheepe, and ye shall be his seruants.

18 And ye shall cry out in that day, because of your king which ye shal haue chosen you ; and the LORD will not heare you in that day.

19 ¶ Neuerthesse, the people refused to obey the voyce of Samuel ; and they said, Nay, but we wil haue a King ouer vs :

20 That we also may be like all the nations, and that our King may iudge vs, and goe out before vs, and fight our battels.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the eares of the LORD.

22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken vnto their voyce, and make them a King. And Samuel said vnto the men of Israel, Goe yee euery man vnto his citie.

CHAP. IX.

1 Saul despairing to finde his fathers asses, 6 by the counsell of his seruauant, 11 and direction of young maidens, 15 according to Gods reuelation, 18 commeth to Samuel. 19 Samuel entertaineth Saul at the feast. 25 Samuel after secret communication, bringeth Saul on his way.

NOW there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was * Kish, the sonne of Abiel, the sonne of Zeror, the sonne of Bechorath, the sonne of Aphiah, a || Beniamite, a mighty man of || power. * Chap. 14.
51. 1. chro.
8. 33.
|| Or, the
sonne of a
man of le-
mini.
|| Or, sub-
stance.

2 And he had a sonne, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and *there was* not among the children of Israel a goodlier person then hee: from his shoulders and vpward, *hee was* higher then any of the people.

3 And the asses of Kish, Sauls father, were lost; and Kish said to Saul his sonne, Take nowe one of the seruants with thee, and arise, goe seeke the asses.

4 And he passed thorow mount Ephraim, and passed thorow the land of Shalisha, but they found *them* not: then they passed thorow the land of Shalim, and *there they were* not: and hee passed thorow the land of the Beniamites, but they found *them* not.

5 And when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his seruauant that was with him, Come, and let vs returne, lest my father leaue *caring* for the asses, and take thought for vs.

6 And hee said vnto him, Behold now, *there is* in this citie a man of God, and he *is* an honourable man; all that he saith, commeth surely to passe: Now let vs goe thither; peraduenture he can shew vs our way that we should goe.

7 Then said Saul to his seruauant, But behold, *if* we goe, what shall wee bring the man? for the bread † is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to † Hebr is
gone out of
S^c. bring

† *Hebr. is with vs ?*
 † *Hebr. there is found in my hand.*

bring to the man of God: What † haue wee?

8 And the seruant answered Saul againe, and said, † Behold, I haue here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of siluer; that wil I giue to the man of God, to tell vs our way.

9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake; Come, and let vs go to the Seer: for he that is now *called* a Prophet, was beforetime called a Seer.)

† *Hebr. thy word is good.*

10 Then said Saul to his seruant, † Wel said, come, let vs go: so they went vnto the city where the man of God *was*.

† *Hebr. in the ascent of the citie.*

11 ¶ And as they went vp † the hill to the city, they found yong maydens going out to draw water, and said vnto them, Is the Seer here?

12 And they answered them, and said, He is: behold, *he is* before you, make haste now: for he came to day to the citie; for there is ¶ a sacrifice of the people to day in the hie place.

¶ *Or, feast.*

13 Assoone as ye be come into the citie, ye shall straightway finde him, before he goe vp to the high place to eate: for the people will not eate vntill hee come, because he doth blesse the sacrifice, *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden: Now therefore get you vp, for † about this time ye shall finde him.

† *Heb. to day.*

14 And they went vp into the citie: and when they were come into the citie, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to goe vp to the hie place.

* Chap. 15.
 1. acts. 13.
 21.

15 ¶ * Now the LORD had † told Samuel in his eare a day before Saul came, saying,

† *Hebr. re-ueiled the eare of Samuel.*

16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Beniamin, and thou shalt anoynt him to be Captaine ouer my people Israel, that he may saue my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I haue looked vpon my people, because their cry is come vnto me.

17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said vnto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of: this same shall † reigne ouer my people.

† *Hebr. re-straine in.*

18 Then Saul drew neere to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the Seers house is.

19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the Seer: Goe vp before me vnto the high place, for ye shall eate with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee goe, and will tell thee all

that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost † three dayes agoe, † *Hebr. to day three dayes.*
set not thy minde on them, for they are found: And on whom is all the desire of Israel? is it not on thee, & on all thy fathers house?

21 And Saul answered, and said, Am not I a Beniamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Wherefore then speakest thou † so to me?

22 And Samuel tooke Saul, and his seruant, and brought them into the parlour, & made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirtie persons. † *Hebr. according to this word?*

23 And Samuel said vnto the cooke, Bring the portion which I gaue thee, of which I said vnto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cooke took vp the shoulder, and that which was vpon it, and set it before Saul, and Samuel said, Behold, that which is ||left, set *it* before thee, and eate: for vnto this || *Or, reserved.*
time hath it bene kept for thee, *since* I said I haue inuited the people: So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

25 ¶ And when they were come downe from the high place into the citie, Samuel communed with Saul vpon the top of the house.

26 And they arose early: and it came to passe about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Vp, that I may send thee away: And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, hee and Samuel, abroad.

27 And *as* they were going downe to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the seruant passe on before vs, (and he passed on) but stand thou still † a while, that I may shew † *Hebr. to day.*
thee the word of God.

CHAP. X.

1 Samuel anoynteth Saul. 2 Hee confirmeth him by prediction of three signes. 9 Sauls heart is changed, and he prophecieth. 14 He concealeth the matter of the kingdome from his vnkle. 17 Saul is chosen at Mizpeh by lot. 26 The different affections of his subiects.

Then Sauuel tooke a viall of oile, and powred *it* vpon his head, & kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because the LORD hath anoynted thee to be captain ouer his inheritance?

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2 When

2 When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt
 *Gen. 35. find two men by *Rachels sepulchre in the border of Benia-
 20. min, at Zelzah: and they will say vnto thee, The asses
 which thou wentest to seeke, are found: and loe, thy father
 †*Heb. the* hath left †the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, say-
business. ing, What shall I doe for my sonne?

3 Then shalt thou goe on forward from thence, and thou
 shalt come to the plaine of Tabor, and there shall meete thee
 three men, going vp to God to Bethel, one carying three
 kids, and another carying three loaues of bread, and another
 carying a bottle of wine.

4 And they will †salute thee, and giue thee two *loaues* of
 bread, which thou shalt receiue of their hands.
 †*Heb. aske*
thee of
peace

5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is
 the garison of the Philistines: and it shall come to passe
 when thou art come thither to the citie, that thou shalt meet
 a company of prophets comming downe from the high place,
 with a psalterie, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harpe before
 them, and they shall prophecie.

6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come vpon thee, and
 thou shalt prophecie with them, and shalt be turned into
 another man.

7 And †let it be when these signes are come vnto thee,
 †that thou doe as occasion serue thee, for God is with thee.

8 And thou shalt goe downe before me to Gilgal, and
 behold, I will come downe vnto thee, to offer burnt offerings,
 and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: *seuen dayes
 shalt thou tarie, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou
 shalt doe.

9 ¶ And it was so that when he had turned his †backe to
 go from Samuel, God †gaue him another heart: and all
 those signes came to passe that day.
 †*Heb.*
shoulder.
 †*Heb.*
turned.

10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a com-
 pany of the prophets met him, and the spirit of God came
 vpon him, and hee prophesied among them.

11 And it came to passe when all that knew him beforetime,
 saw, that behold, hee prophesied among the prophets, then
 the people said †one to another, What is this that is come
 vnto the sonne of Kish? *Is Saul also among the prophets?
 24.

†*Heb. from*
thence.

12 And one †of the same place an-

swered, and sayd, But who is their father? Therefore it became a prouerbe, Is Saul also among the Prophets?

13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 ¶ And Sauls vnkle saide vnto him, and to his seruant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seeke the asses: and when we saw that *they were* no where, we came to Samuel.

15 And Sauls vnkle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said vnto you.

16 And Saul sayd vnto his vnkle; He told vs plainly that the asses were found. But of the matter of the kingdome, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 ¶ And Samuel called the people together vnto the LORD to Mizpeh;

18 And said vnto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought vp Israel out of Egypt, and deliuered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdomes, *and* of them that oppressed you.

19 And ye haue this day reiected your God, who himselfe saued you out of all your aduersities & your tribulations: and ye haue said vnto him, *Nay*, but set a king ouer vs. Now therefore present your selues before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come neere, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come neere by their families, the familie of Matri was taken, and Saul the sonne of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither: and the LORD answered, Behold, hee hath hid himselfe among the stuffe.

23 And they ranne, and fetched him thence, and when he stood among the people, he was higher then any of the people, from the shoulders & vpward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whome the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and saide, † God saue the King.

† *Heb. let
the king
liue*

25 Then Samuel tolde the people
the

the maner of the kingdome, and wrote it in a booke, and layd it vp before the LORD, and Samuel sent all the people away, euery man to his house.

26 ¶ And Saul also went home to Gibeah, and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the children of Belial sayd, Howe shall this man saue vs? and they despised him, and brought him no presents: but ¶ he held his peace.

¶ Or, he
was, as
though he
had beene
deafe.

CHAP. XI.

1 Nahash offereth them of Iabesh Gilead a reprochfull condition. 4 They send messengers and are deliuered by Saul. 12 Saul thereby is confirmed, and his kingdome renewed.

Then Nahash the Ammonite came vp, and encamped against Iabesh Gilead: and all the men of Iabesh sayde vnto Nahash, Make a couenant with vs, and we will serue thee.

2 And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this condition will I make a couenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproch vpon all Israel.

† Hebr. for-
beare vs.

3 And the Elders of Iabesh sayd vnto him, † Giue vs seuen daies respite, that we may send messengers vnto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if there be no man to saue vs, we will come out to thee.

4 ¶ Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the eares of the people: and all the people lift vp their voyces, and wept.

5 And behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field, and Saul sayd, What aileth the people that they weep? and they told him the tidings of the men of Iabesh.

6 And the Spirit of God came vpon Saul, when he heard those tydings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he tooke a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoeuer commeth not foorth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it bee done vnto his oxen: and the feare of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out † with one consent.

† Heb. as
one man.

8 And when he numbred them in

9 And they said vnto the messengers that came, Thus shall
ye say vnto the men of Iabesh Gilcad, To morrow by that
time the sunne be hote, ye shal haue ||helpe. And the ||*Or, deli-*
messengers came, and shewed it to the men of Iabesh, and *uerance.*
they were glad.

11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three cōpanies, and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slewe the Ammonites, vntill the heat of the day: and it came to passe, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the LORD hath wrought saluation in Israel.

15 And all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul King before the LORD in Gilgal: and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD: and there Saul and all the men of Israel reioyced greatly.

1 Samuel testifieth his integritie. 6 Hee reprooueth the people of ingratitude. 16 He terrifieth them with thunder in haruest time. 20 He comforteth them in Gods mercy.

2 And now behold, the King walketh before you: and I am olde, and gray headed, and behold, my sonnes are with you: and I haue walked before you from my childhood vnto this day.

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gainst me before the LORD, and before his Anoynted: Whose oxe haue I taken? or whose asse haue I taken? or whom haue I defrauded? whom haue I oppressed? or of whose hand haue I receiued any †bribe ||to blinde mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

† *Hebr.*
ransome.
|| *Or, that*
I should
hide mine
eyes at at
him.

4 And they said, Thou hast not defrauded vs, nor oppressed vs, neither hast thou taken ought of any mans hand.

5 And hee said vnto them, The LORD is witnesse against you, and his Anointed is witnesse this day, that ye haue not found ought in my hand: And they answered, He is witnesse.

|| *Or, made.*

6 ¶ And Samuel said vnto the people, *It is* the LORD that ||aduanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers vp out of the land of Egypt.

† *Hebr.*
righteous-
nesses, Or,
benefits.
† *Heb.*
with.

7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD, of all the †righteous acts of the LORD, which he did †to you and your fathers.

* *Gen.* 46.
5, 6.
* *Exod.* 4.
16.
* *Iudg.* 4.
2.

8 *When Iacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried vnto the LORD, then the LORD *sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place.

9 And when they forgot the LORD their God, *he sold them into the hand of Sisera captaine of the hoste of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them.

10 And they cried vnto the LORD, and said, Wee haue sinned, because we haue forsaken the LORD, and haue serued Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliuer vs out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serue thee.

* *Iudg.* 11.
1.

11 And the LORD sent Ierubbaal, and Bedan, and *Iephthah, and Samuel, and deliuered you out of the hand of your enemies on euery side, and yee dwelled safe.

12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said vnto me, Nay, but a King shall reigne ouer vs, when the LORD your God *was* your King.

13 Now therefore, behold the King whom yee haue chosen, and whom yee haue desired: and behold, the LORD hath set a King ouer you.

14 If ye will feare the LORD, and serue him, and obey his voice, and not

rebell against the †Commandement of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the King that reigneth ouer you, †continue following the LORD your God.

†Hebr.
mouth.
†Hebr. be
after.

15 But if ye wil not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the Commandement of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as *it was* against your fathers.

16 ¶ Now therefore stand and see this great thing which the LORD will doe before your eyes.

17 Is it not wheat haruest to day? I will call vnto the LORD, and hee shall send thunder and raine, that ye may perceiue and see that your wickednesse *is* great, which ye haue done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a King.

18 So Samuel called vnto the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and raine that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said vnto Samuel, Pray for thy seruants vnto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we haue added vnto all our sinnes, *this* euil, to aske vs a King.

20 ¶ And Samuel saide vnto the people, Feare not: (ye haue done al this wickednesse, yet turne not aside from following the LORD, but serue the LORD with all your heart:

20 And turne ye not aside, for then *should ye goe* after vaine things, which cannot profit, nor deliuer, for they are vaine.)

22 For the LORD wil not forsake his people, for his great Names sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

23 Moreouer, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD, †in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.

†Hebr.
from ceas-
ing.

24 Onely feare the LORD, and serue him in trueth with all your heart: for consider ||how great things he hath done for you.

|| Or, what
a great
thing &c.

25 But if yee shall still doe wickedly, yee shall be consumed, both yee and your King.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Sauls selected band. 3 Hee calleth the Hebrewes to Gilgal against the Philistines, whose garrison Ionathan had smitten. 5 The Philistines

stines great hoste. 6 The distresse of the Israelites. 8 Saul weary of staying for Samuel, sacrificeth. 11 Samuel reproveth him. 17 The three spoiling bands of the Philistines. 19 The policie of the Philistines, to suffer no Smith in Israel.

† *Hebr. the sonne of one yeere in his reigning.*

Saul †reigned one yeere, and when he had reigned two yeeres ouer Israel,

2 Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel: *whereof* two thousand were with Saul in Michmash, and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent euery man to his tent.

|| *Or, the hill.*

3 And Jonathan smote the garison of the Philistines that *was* in ||Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it*: and Saul blew the trumpet thorowout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrewes heare.

† *Hebr. did stinke.*

4 And all Israel heard say, that Saul had smitten a garison of the Philistines, and that Israel also †*was* had in abomination with the Philistines: and the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 ¶ And the Philistines gathered themselues together, to fight with Israel, thirtie thousand charets, and sixe thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude, and they came vp, and pitched in Michmash, Eastward from Beth-auen.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait: (for the people were distressed:) then the people did hide themselues in caues, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 And *some* of the Hebrewes went ouer Iordane, to the land of Gad and Gilead; as for Saul, he *was* yet in Gilgal, and all the people †followed him trembling.

† *Heb. trembled after him.*
*Chap. 10.
8.

8 ¶ *And he taried seuen dayes, according to the set time that Samuel *had appointed*: but Samuel came not to Gilgal, and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to passe that assoone as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came, and Saul went out to meete him, that he might †salute him.

† *Heb. blesse him.*

11 ¶ And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I sawe that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the dayes appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselues together to Michmash:

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come downe now vpon me to Gilgal, and I haue not †made supplication vnto the LORD: I forced my selfe therefore, and offered a burnt offering. † *Hebr. intreated the face.*

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandement of the LORD thy God, which hee commanded thee: for now would the LORD haue established thy kingdome vpon Israel for euer.

14 But now thy kingdome shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his owne heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to bee captaine ouer his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gate him vp from Gilgal, vnto Gibeah of Benjamin, and Saul numbred the people that were †present with him, about sixe hundred men.

16 And Saul and Jonathan his sonne, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gibeah of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. † *Heb. found*

17 ¶ And the spoilers came out of the campe of the Philistines, in three companies: one company turned vnto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, vnto the land of Shual.

18 And another company turned the way to Bethoron: and another companie turned to the way of the border, that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 ¶ Now there was no smith found thorowout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrewes make them swords or speares.

20 But all the Israelites went downe to the Philistines, to sharpen euery man his share and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattocke.

21 Yet they had a †file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forkes, and for the axes, and †to sharpen the goads. † *Hebr. a file with mouthes.*
† *Heb. to set.*

22 So it came to passe in the day of battell, that there was neither sword nor speare found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul & with Jonathan his sonne was there found.

|| *Or, standing campe.*

23 And the ||garison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Michmash.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Jonathan, vnwitting to his father, the Priest, or the people, goeth and miraculously smiteth the Philistines garrison. 15 A diuine terrour maketh them beate themselues. 17 Saul not staying the Priests answer, setteth on them. 21 The captiuated Hebrewes, and the hidden Israelites, ioyne against them. 24 Sauls vnaduised adiuration, hindreth the victory. 32 Hee restraineth the people from eating blood. 35 He buildeth an Altar. 36 Jonathan taken by lot, is saued by the people. 47 Sauls strength and family.

|| *Or, there was a day.*

NOW ||it came to passe vpon a day, that Jonathan the sonne of Saul said vnto the yong man that bare his armour, Come, and let vs goe ouer to the Philistines garison, that *is* on the *other* side: but hee told not his father.

2 And Saul taried in the vttermost part of Gibeah, vnder a Pomegranate tree, which *is* in Migron: and the people that *were* with him, were about sixe hundred men:

* Chap. 4.
21.

3 And Ahiah the sonne of Ahitub, *Ichabods brother, the sonne of Phinehas, the sonne of Eli, the LORDS Priest in Shiloh, wearing an Ephod: and the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 ¶ And betweene the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go ouer vnto the Philistines garison, there was a sharpe rocke on the one side, and a sharp rocke on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

† *Heb. tooth.*

5 The †forefront of the one was situate Northward ouer against Michmash, and the other Southward ouer against Gibeah.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let vs goe ouer vnto the garison of these vncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will worke for vs: for there is

no restraint to the LORD, *to saue by many, or by few. *2. Chron.

7 And his armour bearer sayd vnto him, Doe all that is in
thine heart: turne thee, behold, I *am* with thee, according
to thy heart. 14. 11.

8 Then said Ionathan, Behold, we will passe ouer vnto
these men, and we will discouer our selues vnto them.

9 If they say thus vnto vs, †Tary vntill we come to you: †*Heb. be*
then wee will stand still in our place, and will not goe vp *still.*
vnto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come vp vnto vs: then we will
goe vp; for *the LORD hath deliuered them into our hand: *1. Macc.
and this *shall be* a signe vnto vs. 4. 30.

11 And both of them discouered themselues vnto the garison
of the Philistines: and the Philistines sayd, Behold, the
Hebrewes come foorth out of the holes, where they had hid
themselues.

12 And the men of the garison answered Ionathan and his
armour bearer, and said, Come vp to vs, and wee will shew
you a thing. And Ionathan said vnto his armour bearer,
Come vp after me; for the LORD hath deliuered them into
the hand of Israel.

13 And Ionathan climed vp vpon his hands, and vpon his
feete, and his armour bearer after him: and they fell before
Ionathan; and his armour bearer slew after him.

14 And that first slaughter which Ionathan and his armour-
bearer made, was about twentie men, within as it were ||an ||*Or, halfe*
halfe acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow. *a furrow of*
an acre of
land.

15 And there was trembling in the hoste, in the field, and
among all the people: the garison and the spoilers, they also
trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was †a very great †*Hebr. a*
trembling. *trembling*
of God.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin
looked: and behold, the multitude melted away, and they
went on beating downe *one another.*

17 Then said Saul vnto the people that *were* with him,
Number now, and see who is gone from vs. And when
they had numbred, behold, Ionathan and his armour bearer
were not *there.*

18 And Saul said vnto Ahiah, Bring hither the Arke of
God: (for the Arke of God was at that time with the children
of Israel.)

19 ¶ And it came to passe while Saul
talked

|| Or,
tumult.

talked vnto the Priest, that the ||noise that was in the hoste of the Philistines went on, and increased: And Saul said vnto the Priest, Withdraw thine hand.

† Heb. were
cryed to-
gether.

* Iudg. 7.

22. 2. chro.

20. 23.

20 And Saul and all the people that were with him † assembled themselues, and they came to the battel, and behold, * euery mans sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

21 Morcouer, the Hebrewes *that* were with the Philistines before that time, which went vp with them into the campe from the countrey round about; euen they also turned to be with the Israelites, that *were* with Saul and Jonathan.

22 Likewise all the men of Israel, which had hid themselues in mount Ephraim, *when* they heard that the Philistines fled, euen they also followed hard after them in the battell.

23 So the LORD saued Israel that day: and the battell passed ouer vnto Beth-auen.

24 ¶ And the men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had adiured the people, saying, Cursed bee the man that eateth any foode vntill euening, that I may be auenged on mine enemies: so none of the people tasted any food.

25 And all *they of* the land came to a wood, and there was honie vpon the ground.

26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honie dropped, but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

27 But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath; wherefore he put forth the ende of the rodde that *was* in his hand, and dipt it in an hony combe, and put his hand to his mouth, and his eyes were enlightened.

28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food this day. And the people were ||faint.

|| Or,
wearie.

29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes haue beene enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honie:

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoile of their enemies which they found? for
had there not beene now a

much greater slaughter among the Philistines?

31 And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint.

32 And the people flewe vpon the spoile, and tooke sheepe, aud oxen, and calues, and slew them on the ground, and the people did eate them *with the blood.

* Leuit. 7.
26. and 19.
26. deut.
12. 16.

33 ¶ Then they tolde Saul, saying, Behold, the people sinne against the LORD, in that they eate with the blood. And he said, Yee haue ||transgressed: roule a great stone vnto mee this day.

|| Or, dealt
treache-
rously.

34 And Saul said, Disperse your selues among the people, and say vnto them, Bring me hither euery man his ox, and euery man his sheepe, and slay *them* here, and eat, and sinne not against the LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought euery man his ox †with him that night, and slew *them* there.

† Heb. in
his hand.

35 And Saul built an altar vnto the LORD: †the same was the first altar that he built vnto the LORD.

† Hebr.
that Altar
he beganne
to build
vnto the
LORD.

36 ¶ And Saul saide, Let vs goe downe after the Philistines by night, and spoile them vntil the morning light, and let vs not leaue a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good vnto thee. Then said the priest, Let vs draw neere hither vnto God.

37 And Saul asked counsell of God, Shall I goe downe after the Philistines? Wilt thou deliuer them into the hand of Israel? But he answered him not that day.

38 And Saul said, Draw yee neere hither *all the †chiefe of the people: and know and see, wherein this sinne hath beene this day.

* Iudg. 20.
2
† Heb.
corners.

39 For as the LORD liueth, which saueth Israel, though it bee in Jonathan my sonne, he shall surely die: But *there was* not a man among all the people that answered him.

40 Then said he vnto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I, and Jonathan my sonne will be on the other side. And the people said vnto Saul, Doe what seemeth good vnto thee.

41 Therefore Saul saide vnto the LORD God of Israel, ||Giue a perfect *lot*. And Saul and Jonathan were taken: but the people †escaped.

|| Or, shew
the inno-
cent.

† Heb. went

42 And Saul said, Cast *lots* betweene

me

me and Jonathan my sonne. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan tolde him, and saide, I did but taste a litle hony with the end of the rodde that *was* in mine hand, *and* loe, I must die.

44 And Saul answered, God do so, and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.

45 And the people said vnto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great saluation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liueth, there shal not one haire of his head fall to the ground: for hee hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that hee died not.

46 Then Saul went vp from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their owne place.

47 ¶ So Saul tooke the kingdom ouer Israel, and fought against all his enemies on euery side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whitherso-
euer hee turned himselfe, he vexed *them*.

¶ Or,
wrought
mightily.

48 And he gathered an hoste, and smote the Amalekites, and deliuered Israel out of the handes of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sonnes of Saul, *were* Jonathan, and Ishui, and Melchishua: and the names of his two daughters *were these*: the name of the first borne Merab, and the name of the yonger Michal:

50 And the name of Sauls wife *was* Ahinoam, the daughter of Ahimaaz, and the name of the captaine of his host *was* Abner, the sonne of Ner, Sauls vncler.

51 And Kish *was* the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner *was* the sonne of Abiel.

52 And there was sore warre against the Philistines, all the dayes of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he tooke him vnto him.

CHAP. XV.

1 Samuel sendeth Saul to destroy Amalek. 6 Saul fauoureth the Kenites. 8 Hee spareth Agag and the best of the spoile. 10 Samuel denounceth vnto Saul commending and ex-

cusing himselfe, Gods reiection of him for his disobedience. 24 Sauls humiliation. 32 Samuel killeth Agag. 34 Samuel and Saul part.

SAmuel also saide vnto Saul, *The LORD sent me to *Chap. 9.
annoint thee to bee king ouer his people, ouer Israel: 16.
nowe therefore hearken thou vnto the voyce of the words
of the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which
Amalek did to Israel, *how he laid *wait* for him in the way *Exod. 17.
when he came vp from Egypt. 8. num. 24.

3 Now goe, and smite Amalek, and vtterly destroy all that
they haue, and spare them not; but slay both man and wo-
man, infant and suckling, oxe and sheepe, camell and asse. 20.

4 And Saul gathered the people together, and numbred
them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten
thousand men of Iudah.

5 And Saul came to a citie of Amalek, and ||laid waite in ||Or,
the valley. *fought.*

6 ¶ And Saul saide vnto the Kenites, Goe, depart, get you
downe from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with
them: for yee shewed kindnesse to all the children of Israel
when they came vp out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed
from among the Amalekites.

7 And Saul smote the Amalekites from Hauilah, *untill* thou
comdest to Shur, that *is* ouer against Egypt.

8 And hee tooke Agag the king of the Amalekites aliue,
and vtterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the
sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the
sheepe, and of the oxen, and of the ||fatlings, and the lambes, ||Or, of the
and all that was good, and would not vtterly destroy them: *second sort.*
but euery thing that was vile, and refuse, that they destroyed
vtterly.

10 ¶ Then came the word of the LORD vnto Samuel, saying;

11 It repenteth me that I haue set vp Saul to be king: for
hee is turned backe from following me, and hath not per-
formed my commandements. And it grieved Samuel; and
he cried vnto the LORD all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the
morning, it was tolde Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel,
and behold, he set him vp a place, and is
gone

gone about, and passed on, and gone downe to Gilgal.

13 And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said vnto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I haue performed the commandement of the LORD.

14 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheepe in mine eares, and the lowing of the oxen which I heare?

15 And Saul sayde, They haue brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheepe, and of the oxen, to sacrifice vnto the LORD thy God, and the rest we haue vtterly destroyed.

16 Then Samuel sayd vnto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to mee this night. And he said vnto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, When thou wast litle in thine owne sight, wast thou not made the Head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee King ouer Israel?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a iourney, and said, Goe, and vtterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them, vntill †they be consumed.

† *Heb. they
consume
them.*

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst flie vpon the spoile, and didst euill in the sight of the LORD?

20 And Saul said vnto Samuel; Yea, I haue obeyed the voice of the LORD, and haue gone the way which the LORD sent me, and haue brought Agag the king of Amalek, and haue vtterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people tooke of the spoile, sheepe and oxen, the chiefe of the things which should haue bene vtterly destroyed, to sacrifice vnto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

* Eccles.

4. 17. ose.

6. 7. matt.

9. 13. and

12. 7.

† *Heb. di-
uination.*

22 And Samuel saide, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, *to obey, *is* better then sacrifice: *and* to hearken, then the fat of rammes.

23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of †witchcraft, and stubbornnesse *is as* iniquitie and idolatrie: because thou hast reiected the word of the LORD, he hath also reiected thee from *being* king.

24 ¶ And Saul said vnto Samuel, I haue sinned: for I haue transgressed the Commandement of the LORD,

and thy wordes; because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sinne, and turne againe with me, that I may worship the LORD.

26 And Samuel said vnto Saul, I will not returne with thee: for thou hast reiected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath reiected thee from being king ouer Israel.

27 And as Samuel turned about to goe away, he laid hold vpon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.

28 And Samuel said vnto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdome of Israel from thee this day, and hath giuen it to a neighbour of thine, *that is* better then thou.

29 And also the ||strength of Israel will not lie, nor repent: *|| Or, eternitie: or, victory.* for he is not a man that he should repent.

30 Then he said, I haue sinned; *yet* honour me now, I pray thee, before the Elders of my people, and before Israel, and turne againe with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.

31 So Samuel turned againe after Saul, and Saul worshipped the LORD.

32 ¶ Then said Samuel, Bring you hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites: and Agag came vnto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.

33 And Samuel said, *As thy sword hath made women ** Exod. 17. childlesse, so shall thy mother bee childlesse among women. 11. num. 14. 45.* And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

34 ¶ Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went vp to his house to Gibeah of Saul.

35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul vntill the day of his death: neuerthesse, Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king ouer Israel.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Samuel sent by God, vnder pretence of a sacrifice, commeth to Bethlehem. 6 His humane iudgement is reprooued. 11 He anointeth Dauid. 15 Saul sendeth for Dauid to quiet his euill spirit.

AND the LORD said vnto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourne for Saul, seeing I haue reiected him from reigning ouer Israel?

Israel? Fill thine horne with oile, and goe, I will send thee to Iesse the Bethlehemite: for I haue prouided mee a King among his sonnes.

2 And Samuel said, How can I goe? if Saul heare *it*, hee will kill mee. And the LORD said, Take an heifer †with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

†Hebr. in
thine hand.

3 And call Iesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt doe: and thou shalt anoynt vnto mee *him* whom I name vnto thee.

†Hebr.
meeting.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem: and the elders of the towne trembled at his †comming, and said, Comdest thou peaceably?

5 And hee said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice vnto the LORD: sanctifie your selues, and come with me to the sacrifice: and he sanctified Iesse, and his sonnes, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 ¶ And it came to passe when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORDS anointed is before him.

†Hebr.
eyes.

7 But the LORD said vnto Samuel, Looke not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature, because I haue refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not, as man seeth; For man looketh on the †outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the *heart.

*1. Chron.
28. 9. psal.
7. 9. ierem.
11. 20. and
17. 10. and
20. 12.

8 Then Iesse called Abinadab, and made him passe before Samuel: and he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Iesse made Shammah to passe by: and he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Againe Iesse made seuen of his sonnes to passe before Samuel; and Samuel said vnto Iesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

*2. Sam. 7.
8. psal. 78.
71.

11 And Samuel saide vnto Iesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the yongest, and behold, he keepeth the sheepe. And Samuel said vnto Iesse, *Send, and fetch him: for we will not sit †downe, till hee come hither.

†Heb.
round.

†Hebr.
faire of
eyes.

12 And he sent, and brought him in: now he *was* ruddy, and withal †of a beautifull countenance, and goodly to looke to: And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

13 Then Samuel tooke the horne of

oile, and annointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came vpon Dauid, from that day forward: So Samuel rose vp and went to Ramah.

14 ¶ But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an euil spirit from the LORD || troubled him.

15 And Sauls seruants said vnto him, Behold now, an euill spirit from God troubleth thee. || Or, terrified.

16 Let our lord now command thy seruants *which are* before thee, to seeke out a man, who *is* a cunning player on an harpe: and it shall come to passe when the euill spirit from God is vpon thee, that hee shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

17 And Saul said vnto his seruants, Prouide mee now a man, that can play well, and bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of the seruants, and said, Behold, I haue seene a sonne of Iesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of warre, and prudent in || matters, and a comely person, || Or, speech. and the LORD is with him.

19 ¶ Wherefore Saul sent messengers vnto Iesse, and said, Send me Dauid thy sonne, which *is* with the sheepe.

20 And Iesse tooke an asse *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by Dauid his sonne vnto Saul.

21 And Dauid came to Saul, and stood before him: and hee loued him greatly, and hee became his armour bearer.

22 And Saul sent to Iesse, saying, Let Dauid, I pray thee, stand before me: for hee hath found fauour in my sight.

23 And it came to passe, when the *euill* spirit from God was vpon Saul, that Dauid tooke an harpe, and played with his hand: So Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the euill spirit departed from him.

CHAP. XVII.

1 The armies of the Israelites, and Philistines beeing readie to battell,
 4 Goliath commeth proudly forth, to challenge a combate. 12 Dauid sent by his father to visit his brethren, taketh the chalenge. 28 Eliab chideth him. 30 He is brought to Saul. 32 He sheweth the reason of his confidence. 38

Without

Without armour, armed by faith, he slayeth the Giant. 55 Saul taketh notice of Dauid.

NOW the Philistines gathered together their armies to battell, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Iudah, and pitched betweene Shochoh and Azekah, in || Ephes-Dammim.

|| Or, the
coast of
Dammim.
† Heb. ranged the
battell.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and †set the battell in aray against the Philistines.

3 And the Philistines stood on a mountaine on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountaine on the other side: and there *was* a valley betweene them.

4 ¶ And there went out a champion out of the campe of the Philistines, named Goliath of Gath: whose height *was* sixe cubites and a span.

5 And *he had* an helmet of brasse vpon his head, and he *was* †armed with a coate of male: and the weight of the coat *was* fue thousand shekels of brasse.

† Heb.
cloathed.

|| Or, gor-
get.

6 And *he had* greaues of brasse vpon his legs, and a ||target of brasse betweene his shoulders.

7 And the staffe of his speare was like a weauers beame, and his speares head *weighed* sixe hundred shekels of yron: and one bearing a shield, went before him.

8 And hee stood and cried vnto the armies of Israel, and said vnto them, Why are yee come out to set your battell in aray? am not I a Philistine, and you seruants to Saul? chuse you a man for you, and let him come downe to me.

9 If he be able to fight with mee, and to kill me, then will we be your seruants: but if I preuaile against him, and kill him, then shall yee be our seruants, and serue vs.

10 And the Philistine said, I defie the armies of Israel this day; giue me a man, that we may fight together.

11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

* Chap.
16. 1.

12 ¶ Now Dauid *was* *the sonne of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem Iudah, whose name was Iesse, and hee had eight sonnes: and the man went among men for an old man in the dayes of Saul.

13 And the three eldest sonnes of Iesse went, *and* followed Saul to the battell: and the names of his three sonnes that

went to the battell, *were*, Eliab the first borne, and next vnto him, Abinadab, and the third, Shammah.

14 And Dauid was the yongest: and the three eldest followed Saul.

15 But Dauid went, and returned from Saul, to feed his fathers sheepe at Bethlehem.

16 And the Philistine drewe neere, morning and euening, and presented himselfe forty dayes.

17 And Iesse said vnto Dauid his sonne, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corne, and these ten loaues, and run to the campe to thy brethren.

18 And carie these ten †cheeses vnto the †Captaine of ^{† Heb. cheeses of milke.} their thousand, and looke how thy brethren fare, and take ^{† Heb. captaine of a thousand.} their pledge.

19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel *were* in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

20 ¶ And Dauid rose vp earely in the morning, and left the sheepe with a keeper, and tooke, and went, as Iesse had commanded him; and he came to the ||trench, as the host ^{|| Or, place of the} was going forth to ||the fight, and shouted for the battell. ^{cariage.}

21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battel in aray, ^{|| Or, battell ray, or} army against armie.

22 And Dauid left †his cariage in the hand of the keeper of the cariage, and ranne into the armie, and came and ^{place of} †saluted his brethren. ^{fight.}

23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came vp the champion (the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name) out of ^{† Heb. the vessels} the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the ^{from vpon} same words: and Dauid heard *them*. ^{him.}

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled ^{† Heb. asked his brethren of} †from him, and were sore afraid. ^{peace.}

25 And the men of Israel said, Haue yee seene this man that is come vp? Surely to defie Israel is he come vp: and it shall be that the man who killeth him, the king wil enrich him with great riches, and *will giue him his daughter, and make his fathers house free in Israel. ^{* Iosh. 15. 16.}

26 And Dauid spake to the men that stood by him, saying; What shall bee done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproch from Israel? for who is this vncircumcised

cumcised Philistine, that he should defie the armies of the liuing God?

27 And the people answered him after this maner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 ¶ And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake vnto the men, and Eliabs anger was kindled against Dauid, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheepe in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtinesse of thine heart; for thou art come downe, that thou mightest see the battell.

29 And Dauid saide, What haue I now done? Is there not a cause?

† *Hebr.*
word.

30 ¶ And hee turned from him towards another, and spake after the same †maner: and the people answered him againe after the former maner.

† *Heb.*
tooke him.

31 And when the words were heard which Dauid spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he †sent for him.

32 ¶ And Dauid said to Saul, Let no mans heart faile, because of him: thy seruant will goe and fight with this Philistine.

33 And Saul said to Dauid, Thou art not able to goe against this Philistine, to fight with him: for *thou art but* a youth, and he a man of warre from his youth.

¶ *Or, kid.*

34 And Dauid said vnto Saul, Thy seruant kept his fathers sheepe, and there came a Lyon, and a Beare, and tooke a ¶lambe out of the flocke:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and deliuered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy seruant slew both the Lyon and the Beare: and this vncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the liuing God.

37 Dauid saide moreouer, The LORD that deliuered me out of the paw of the Lyon, and out of the pawe of the Beare, he will deliuer me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said vnto Dauid, Goe, and the LORD be with thee.

† *Heb.*
cloathed,
&c. with
his
cloathes.

38 ¶ And Saul †armed Dauid with his armour, and hee put an helmet of brasse vpon his head, also he armed him with a coat of male.

39 And Dauid girded his sword vpon his armour, and he assayed to goe,

for he had not proued *it*: and Dauid said vnto Saul, I cannot goe with these: for I haue not proued *them*. And Dauid put them off him.

40 And hee tooke his staffe in his hand, and chose him fīue smoothe stones out of the || brooke, and put them in a shep-^{|| Or, valley.} heard's † bag which he had, euen in a scrip, and his sling was in his hande, and he drew neere to the Philistine.^{† Heb. ves-sell.}

41 And the Philistine came on and drew neere vnto Dauid, and the man that bare the shield, *went* before him.

42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw Dauid, hee disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a faire countenance.

43 And the Philistine said vnto Dauid, Am I a dog, that thou comdest to me with staues? and the Philistine cursed Dauid by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to Dauid, Come to me, and I will giue thy flesh vnto the foules of the aire, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said Dauid to the Philistine, Thou comdest to mee with a sword, and with a speare, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the Name of the LORD of hostes, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day wil the LORD † deliuer thee into mine hand, and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee, and I wil giue the carkeises of the host of the Philistines this day vnto the foules of the aire, and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.^{† Hebr. shut thee vp.}

47 And all this assembly shal know that the LORD saueth not with sword & speare (for the battell is the LORDS) and he will giue you into our hands.

48 And it came to passe when the Philistine arose, and came, and drewe nigh to meet Dauid, that Dauid hasted, and ran toward the armie to meete the Philistine.

49 And Dauid put his hande in his bag, and tooke thence a stone, and slang it, & smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunke into his forehead, and he fell vpon his face to the earth.

50 So * Dauid preuailed ouer the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him, but there was no sword in the hande of Dauid.^{* Ecclus. 47. 4. 1. macc. 4. 30.}

51 There-

51 Therefore Daid ran and stood vpon the Philistine, and tooke his sword, and drewe it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines sawe their champion was dead, they fled.

52 And the men of Israel, and of Iudah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, vntill thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron: and the wounded of the Philistines fell downe by the way to Shaaraim, euen vnto Gath, and vnto Ekron.

53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

54 And Daid tooke the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Ierusalem, but he put his armour in his tent.

55 ¶ And when Saul sawe Daid goe forth against the Philistine, he sayd vnto Abner the captaine of the hoste, Abner, whose sonne is this youth? And Abner said, *As* thy soule liueth, O king, I cannot tell.

56 And the king said, Enquire thou whose sonne the stripling is.

57 And as Daid returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner tooke him, & brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

58 And Saul saide to him, Whose sonne art thou, *thou* yong man? And Daid answered, I am the sonne of thy seruant Iesse, the Bethlehemite.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Jonathan loueth Daid. 5 Saul enuieth his praise, 10 Seeketh to kill him in his furie, 12 Feareth him for his good successe, 17 Offereth him his daughters for a snare. 22 Daid perswaded to be the Kings sonne in law, giueth two hundred foreskinnes of the Philistines for Michals dowrie. 28 Sauls hatred, and Daids glory increaseth.

AND it came to passe when hee made an ende of speaking vnto Saul, that the soule of Jonathan was knit with the soule of Daid, and Jonathan loued him as his owne soule.

2 And Saul tooke him that day, and would let him go no more home to his fathers house.

3 Then Jonathan and Daid made a couenant, because he loued him as his owne soule.

4 And Jonathan stript himselfe of the robe that *was* vpon him, and gaue it to Dauid, and his garments, euen to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 ¶ And Dauid went out, whither soeuer Saul sent him, and behaved himselfe wisely: and Saul set him ouer the men of warre, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Sauls seruants. || Or, prospered.

6 And it came to passe as they came when Dauid was returned from the slaughter of the ||Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meete king Saul, with tabrets, with ioy, and with instruments of musicke. || Or, Philistines.

7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, *Saul hath slaine his thousands, and Dauid his ten thousands. † Heb. three stringed instruments.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying †displeased him, and he sayd, They haue ascribed vnto Dauid tenne thousands, and to me they haue ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he haue more, but the kingdome? * Chap. 21. 11. and 29. 5. ecclus. 47. 6. † Hebr. was euill in his eyes.

9 And Saul eyed Dauid from that day, and forward.

10 ¶ And it came to passe on the morrow, that the euill spirit from God came vpon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and Dauid played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a iauelin in Sauls hand.

11 And Saul cast the iauelin; for hee said, I will smite Dauid euen to the wall with it: and Dauid auoided out of his presence twice.

12 ¶ And Saul was afraid of Dauid, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul remooued him from him, and made him his captaine ouer a thousand, and hee went out and came in before the people.

14 And Dauid behaved himselfe wisely in all his wayes; & the LORD *was* with him. || Or, prospered.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that hee behaved himselfe very wisely, hee was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Iudah loued Dauid, because hee went out and came in before them.

17 ¶ And Saul said to Dauid, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her will I giue thee to wife: onely be thou

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† valiant

† *Hebr. a
sonne of
valour.*

† valiant for me, and fight the LORDS battels: for Saul said, Let not mine hand be vpon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be vpon him.

18 And Dauid said vnto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, *or* my fathers family in Israel, that I should be sonne in law to the king?

19 But it came to passe at the time when Merab Sauls daughter should haue beene giuen to Dauid, that shee was giuen vnto Adriel the Meholathite to wife.

† *Hebr.
was right
in his eyes.*

20 And Michal Sauls daughter loued Dauid: and they tolde Saul, and the thing †pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will giue him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to Dauid, Thou shalt this day be my sonne in law, in *the one of* the twaine.

22 ¶ And Saul commanded his seruants, *saying*, Commune with Dauid secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his seruants loue thee: now therefore be the kings sonne in law.

23 And Sauls seruants spake those wordes in the eares of Dauid: And Dauid said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a kings sonne in law, seeing that I am a poore man, and lightly esteemed?

† *Hebr. ac-
cording to
these
words.*

24 And the seruants of Saul tolde him, saying; †On this manner spake Dauid.

25 And Saul said, Thus shall yee say to Dauid, The King desireth not *any* dowrie, but an hundred foreskinnes of the Philistines, to be auenged of the kings enemies. But Saul thought to make Dauid fal by the hand of the Philistines.

† *Hebr.
fulfilled.*

26 And when his seruants told Dauid these wordes, it pleased Dauid well to be the kings sonne in lawe: and the dayes were not †expired.

27 Wherefore Dauid arose, hee and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men, and Dauid brought their foreskinnes, and they gaue them in full tale to the king, that hee might be the kings sonne in law: and Saul gaue him Michal his daughter to wife.

28 ¶ And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with Dauid, and that Michal Sauls daughter loued him.

29 And Saul was yet the more a-

fraid of Dauid; and Saul became Dauids enemie continually.

30 Then the Princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to passe after they went forth, *that* Dauid behaued himselfe more wisely then all the seruants of Saul, so that his name was †much set by.

† *Hebr.*
precious.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Jonathan discloseth his fathers purpose to kill Dauid. 4 Hee perswadeth his father to reconciliation. 8 By reason of Dauids good successe in a new warre, Sauls malicious rage breaketh out against him. 12 Michal deceiueth her father with an image in Dauids bed. 18 Dauid commeth to Samuel in Naioth. 20 Sauls messengers sent to take Dauid, 22 and Saul himselfe, prophesie.

AND Saul spake to Jonathan his sonne, and to all his seruants, that they should kill Dauid.

2 But Jonathan Sauls sonne delighted much in Dauid, and Jonathan told Dauid, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: Now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thy selfe vntill the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thy selfe:

3 And I will goe out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee, and what I see, that I will tell thee.

4 ¶ And Jonathan spake good of Dauid vnto Saul his father, and said vnto him, Let not the King sinne against his seruant, against Dauid: because hee hath not sinned against thee, and because his workes *haue bene* to thee ward very good.

5 For he did put his *life in his hand, and slew the *Iudg. 9. Philistine, & the LORD wrought a great saluation for all 17. and 12. Israel: thou sawest *it*, and didst reioyce: Wherefore then 3. chap. 28. wilt thou sinne against innocent blood, to slay Dauid 21. psalm. 119. 109. without a cause?

6 And Saul hearkened vnto the voyce of Jonathan; and Saul sware, As the LORD liueth, he shall not be slaine.

7 And Jonathan called Dauid, and Jonathan shewed him all those things: and Jonathan brought Dauid to Saul, and he was in his presence, as †in times past.

† *Hebr. ye-*
sterday,
third day.

8 ¶ And

† *Heb. his face.*

8 ¶ And there was warre againe, and Dauid went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter, & they fled from †him.

9 And the euill spirit from the LORD was vpon Saul, as he sate in his house with his iauelin in his hand: and Dauid played with *his* hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite Dauid euen to the wall with the iauelin: but hee slipt away out of Sauls presence, and he smote the iauelin into the wall: and Dauid fled, and escaped that night.

11 Saul also sent messengers vnto Dauids house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal Dauids wife tolde him, saying, If thou saue not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slaine.

12 ¶ So Michal let Dauid downe thorow a window: and hee went and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal tooke an image, and laid *it* in the bedde, and put a pillow of goats haire for his bolster, and couered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take Dauid, she said, He is sicke.

15 And Saul sent the messengers *again*e to see Dauid, saying, Bring him vp to me in the bedde, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goates haire for his bolster.

17 And Saul said vnto Michal, Why hast thou deceiued me so, and sent away mine enemie, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, Hee said vnto me, Let mee goe; Why should I kill thee?

18 ¶ So Dauid fledde, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him: and hee and Samuel went, and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, Dauid *is* at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take Dauid: and when they sawe the company of the Prophets prophecyng, and Samuel standing *as* appointed ouer them, the Spirit of God was vpon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophecied.

21 And when it was tolde Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophecied likewise: and Saul sent messen-

gers againe the third time, and they prophecied also.

22 Then went hee also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked, and said, Where are Samuel and Daud? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And hee went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was vpon him also, and he went on and prophecied vntill hee came to Naioth in Ramah:

24 And he stript off his clothes also, and prophecied before Samuel in like manner, and †lay downe naked all that day, ^{† Heb. fell.} and all that night: wherefore they say, * Is Saul also among ^{* Chap. 10.} the Prophets? 11.

CHAP. XX.

1 Daud consulteth with Jonathan for his safetie. 11 Jonathan and Daud renew their couenant by oath. 18 Ionathans token to Daud.

24 Saul missing Daud, seeketh to kill Jonathan. 35 Jonathan louingly taketh his leaue of Daud.

AND Daud fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What haue I done? what *is* mine iniquity? and what *is* my sinne before thy father, that he seeketh my life?

2 And he said vnto him, God forbid, thou shalt not die; beholde, my father will doe nothing, either great or small, but that he will †shew it me: and why should my father ^{† Heb. vn-}hide this thing from me? ^{couer mine} it *is* not so. ^{care.}

3 And Daud sware moreouer, and said, Thy father certainly knoweth that I haue found grace in thine eyes, and he sayth, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truely, *as* the LORD liueth, and *as* thy soule liueth, there *is* but a step betweene me & death.

4 Then said Jonathan vnto Daud, || Whatsoever thy soule ^{|| Or, Say,} †desireth, I will euen doe *it* for thee. ^{what is thy}

5 And Daud said vnto Jonathan, Behold, to morrow *is* the new moone, and I should not faile to sit with the king at meate: but let me goe, that I may hide my selfe in the fields vnto the third day at euen. ^{mind, and} ^{I will doe,} ^{&c.} ^{† Heb.}

6 If thy father at all misse me, then say, Daud earnestly ^{or think-}asked ^{eth.} leaue of me that he might runne to Bethlehem his

¶ Or,
feast.

citie: for *there is* a yeerely sacrifice there for all the family.

7 If he say thus, *It is well*, thy seruant shall haue peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that euill is determined by him.

* Chap. 18.
3. and 23.
18.

8 Therefore thou shalt deale kindly with thy seruant, for * thou hast brought thy seruant into a couenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquitie, slay me thy selfe: for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

9 And Jonathan said, Farre be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that euill were determined by my father to come vpon thee, then would not I tell it thee?

10 Then said Dauid to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?

11 ¶ And Jonathan said vnto Dauid, Come, and let vs goe out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

† Heb.
searched.

† Heb. vn-
couer thine
ears.

12 And Jonathan said vnto Dauid, O LORD God of Israel, when I haue †sounded my father, about to morrow any time, or the third day, and behold, if *there be* good toward Dauid, and I then send not vnto thee, and †shew it thee;

13 The LORD doe so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father to doe thee euill, then I wil shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest goe in peace, and the LORD be with thee, as hee hath beene with my father.

14 And thou shalt not onely while yet I liue, shew me the kindnesse of the LORD, that I die not:

15 But *also* thou shalt not cut off thy kindnesse from my house for euer: no not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of Dauid, euery one from the face of the earth.

† Heb. cut.

16 So Jonathan †made a couenant with the house of Dauid, saying, Let the LORD euen require *it* at the hande of Dauids enemies.

¶ Or, by his
loue to-
wards him.

17 And Jonathan caused Dauid to sweare againe, because he loued him: for he loued him as he loued his owne soule.

18 Then Jonathan said to Dauid, To morrow *is* the newe moone: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat wil be †emptie.

† Heb.
missed

19 And when thou hast stayed three dayes, then thou shalt goe downe quickly, and come to the place where thou diddest hide thy selfe, †when the businesse was in hand, and shalt remaine by the stone Ezel.

*Or, diligently.
Heb.*

20 And I will shoot three arrowes on the side thereof, as though I shot at a marke.

*greatly.
† Heb. in the day of the busi- nesse.*

21 And behold, I will send a ladde, saying, Goe, find out the arrowes. If I expresly say vnto the lad, Behold, the arrowes are on this side of thee, take them: then come thou, for there is peace to thee, and †no hurt, as the LORD liueth.

Or, that sheweth the way.

22 But if I say thus vnto the yong man, Behold, the arrowes are beyond thee: goe thy way, for the LORD hath sent thee away.

† Heb. not any thing.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I haue spoken of, behold, the LORD be betweene thee and mee for euer.

24 ¶ So Dauid hid himselfe in the field: and when the newe moone was come, the king sate him downe to eate meate.

25 And the king sate vpon his seate, as at other times, *even* vpon a seate by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sate by Sauls side, and Dauids place was emptie.

26 Neuerthelesse, Saul spake not any thing that day: for hee thought, Some thing hath befallen him, hee is not cleane; surely he is not cleane.

27 And it came to passe on the morrow *which was* the second day of the moneth, that Dauids place was emptie: and Saul said vnto Jonathan his sonne, Wherefore commeth not the sonne of Iesse to meat, neither yesterday nor to day?

28 And Jonathan answered Saul, Dauid earnestly asked *leau* of me, to goe to Bethlehem.

29 And he said, Let me goe, I pray thee, for our familie hath a sacrifice in the citie, and my brother, hee hath commanded mee to be there: and now if I haue found fauour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren: Therefore he commeth not vnto the kings table.

Or, thou peruerse rebell.

30 Then Sauls anger was kindled against Jonathan, and hee said vnto him, Thou sonne of the peruerse rebellious woman, doe not I know that thou hast

Heb. sonne of peruerse rebellion.

hast chosen the sonne of Iesse to thine owne confusion, and vnto the confusion of thy mothers nakednesse?

31 For as long as the sonne of Iesse liueth vpon the ground, thou shalt not be stablished, nor thy kingdome: wherefore now send and fetch him vnto mee, for he †shall surely die.

† *Heb. is the sonne of death.*

32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said vnto him, Wherefore shall hee be slaine? what hath hee done?

33 And Saul cast a iauelin at him to smite him, whereby Jonathan knewe that it was determined of his father to slay Dauid.

34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eate no meat the second day of the moneth: for hee was griued for Dauid, because his father had done him shame.

35 ¶ And it came to passe in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field, at the time appointed with Dauid, and a little ladde with him.

36 And he said vnto his lad, Runne, finde out now the arrowes which I shoote. And as the ladde ranne, he shot an arrow †beyond him.

† *Hebr. to passe ouer him.*

37 And when the ladde was come to the place of the arrow, which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cryed after the ladde, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?

38 And Jonathan cryed after the ladde, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Ionathans ladde gathered vp the arrowes, and came to his master.

39 But the lad knew not any thing: onely Jonathan and Dauid knew the matter.

† *Heb. instruments.*

40 And Jonathan gaue his †artillery vnto †his ladde, and said vnto him, Goe, cary *them* to the citie.

† *Hebr. that was his.*

41 ¶ And assoone as the ladde was gone, Dauid arose out of a place toward the South, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himselfe three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, vntill Dauid exceeded.

¶ *Or, The LORD be witness of that which, &c.*

42 And Jonathan said to Dauid, Goe in peace, ¶ forasmuch as wee haue sworne both of vs in the Name of the LORD, saying; The LORD be betweene me and thee, and betweene my seede and thy seede for euer. And hee arose, and departed: and Jonathan went into the citie.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Dauid at Nob, obtaineth of Ahimelech hallowed bread. 7 Doeg was present. 8 Dauid taketh Goliaths sword. 10 Dauid at Gath faineth himselfe madde.

THen came Dauid to Nob, to Ahimelech the Priest, and Ahimelech was afraide at the meeting of Dauid, and said vnto him, Why *art* thou alone, and no man with thee?

2 And Dauid said vnto Ahimelech the Priest, The king hath commanded me a busnesse, and hath said vnto me, Let no man know any thing of the busnesse whereabout I send thee, and what I haue commanded thee: and I haue appointed *my* seruants to such and such a place.

3 Now therefore what is vnder thine hand? giue me fīue loauēs of bread in mine hand, or what there is †present.

† Heb.
found.

4 And the Priest answered Dauid, and said, There is no common bread vnder mine hand, but there is *hallowed bread: if the young men haue kept themselues at least

* Exod. 25.
30. leuit.
24. 5.
matt. 12.

5 And Dauid answered the Priest, and said vnto him, Of a trueth women haue beene kept from vs about these three dayes, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread* is in a manner common, || yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessell.

4.

|| Or, especially
whē this
day there
is other
sanctified
in the
vessell.

6 So the Priest gaue him hallowed *bread*; for there was no bread there, but the Shewbread that was taken from before the LORD, to put hote bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certaine man of the seruants of Saul *was* there that day, detained before the LORD, and his name *was* Doeg an Edomite, the chiefest of the heardmen that *belonged* to Saul.

8 ¶ And Dauid said vnto Ahimelech, And is there not here vnder thine hand speare or sword? for I haue neither brought my sword nor my weapons with mee, because the kings busnesse required haste.

9 And the Priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whome thou slewest in *the valley of Elah, behold, it is heere wrapt in a cloth behinde the Ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it; for there is no other saue that, here. And

* Chap.
17. 2.

Dauid saide, There is none like that, giue it me.

10 ¶ And Dauid arose, and fled that day, for feare of Saul, and went to Achish, the king of Gath.

11 And the seruants of Achish sayd vnto him, Is not this Dauid the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in daunces, saying, *Saul hath slaine his thousands, and Dauid his ten thousands?

12 And Dauid layd vp these wordes in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath.

13 And he changed his behaiour before them, and fained himselfe mad in their hands, and ||scrabled on the doores of the gate, and let his spittle fall downe vpon his beard.

14 Then saide Achish vnto his seruants, Loe, you see the man ||is mad: wherefore *then* haue yee brought him to mee?

15 Haue I need of mad-men, that ye haue brought this fellow to play the mad-man in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?

CHAP. XXII.

1 Companies resort vnto Dauid at Adullam. 3 At Mizpeh he commendeth his parents vnto the King of Moab. 5 Admonished by Gad, hee commeth to Hareth. 6 Saul going to pursue him, complaineth of his seruants vnfaithfulnesse. 9 Doeg accuseth Ahimelech. 11 Saul cōmandeth to kil the Priests. 17 The footmen refusing, Doeg executeth it. 20 Abiathar escaping, bringeth Dauid the newes.

DAuid therefore departed thence, and escaped to the caue Adullam: and when his brethren, and all his fathers house heard it, they went downe thither to him.

2 And euery one *that was* in distresse, and euery one that *†was* in debt, and euery one *that was* †discontented, gathered themselues vnto him, and he became a captaine ouer them: and there were with him about foure hundred men.

3 ¶ And Dauid went thence to Mizpeh of Moab; and he said vnto the king of Moab, Let my father, and my mother, I pray thee, come foorth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will doe for me.

4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with

* Chap. 18.
7. and 29.
5. ecclus.
47. 6.

|| Or, made
markes.

|| Or, play-
eth the
mad-
man.

† Hebr. had
a creditour.
† Hebr.
bitter of
soule.

him all the while that Dauid was in the hold.

5 ¶ And the Prophet Gad said vnto Dauid, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Iudah. Then Dauid departed, and came into the forrest of Hareth.

6 ¶ When Saul heard that Dauid was discouered, and the men that *were* with him: (now Saul abode in Gibeah vnder a ||tree in Ramah, hauing his speare in his hand, and all his seruants were standing about him.) *|| Or, groue
in a hie
place.*

7 Then Saul saide vnto his seruants that stood about him, Heare now, ye Beniamites: Will the sonne of Iesse giue euery one of you fields, and Vineyards, *and* make you all captaines of thousands, and captaines of hundreds:

8 That all of you haue conspired against me, and there is none that †sheweth mee, that my sonne hath made a league with the sonne of Iesse, and there is none of you that is sory for me, or sheweth vnto me that my sonne hath stirred vp my seruant against me, to lye in wait, as at this day? *† Hebr.
vncouereth
mine eare.*

9 ¶ Then answered Doeg the Edomite, (which was set ouer the seruants of Saul) and saide, I saw the sonne of Iesse comming to Nob, to Ahimelech the sonne of Ahitub.

10 And hee enquired of the LORD for him, and gaue him victuals, and gaue him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

11 Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the Priest, the sonne of Ahitub, and all his fathers house, the Priests that *were* in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

12 And Saul said, Heare now thou sonne of Ahitub: and hee answered, †Here I am, my lord. *† Hebr. be-
hold me.*

13 And Saul saide vnto him, Why haue ye conspired against me, thou and the sonne of Iesse, in that thou hast giuen him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against mee, to lye in waite, as at this day?

14 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is *so* faithfull among all thy seruants, as Dauid, which is the kings sonne in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?

15 Did I then beginne to enquire of
God

God for him? be it farre from mee: let not the king impute any thing vnto his seruant, *nor* to all the house of my father: for thy seruant knew nothing of all this, †lesse or more.

†Hebr.
little or
great.

16 And the king saide, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy fathers house.

|| Or,
guard.
Heb. the
runners.

17 ¶ And the king said vnto the ||footmen that stood about him, Turne and slay the Priests of the LORD, because their hand also *is* with Dauid, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to mee. But the seruants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall vpon the Priestes of the LORD.

18 And the king said to Doeg, Turne thou and fall vpon the Priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and hee fell vpon the Priests, and slew on that day foure score and fife persons that did weare a linnen Ephod.

19 And Nob the citie of the Priests smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen and asses, and sheepe, with the edge of the sword.

20 ¶ And one of the sonnes of Ahimelech, the sonne of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after Dauid:

21 And Abiathar shewed Dauid that Saul had slaine the LORDS Priests.

22 And Dauid said vnto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I haue occasioned *the death* of all the persons of thy fathers house.

23 Abide thou with me, feare not: for he that seeketh my life, seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt bee in safegard.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid enquiring of the Lord by Abiathar, rescueth Keilah. 7 God shewing him the comming of Saul and the trecherie of the Keilites, he escapeth from Keilah. 14 In Ziph Ionathan commeth and comforteth him. 19 The Ziphites discouer him to Saul. 25 At Maon he is rescued from Saul by the inuasion of the Philistines. 29 He dwelleth at En-gedi.

Then they told Dauid, saying, Beholde, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshing floores.

2 Therefore Dauid enquired of the

LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said vnto Dauid, Goe, and smite the Philistines, and saue Keilah.

3 And Dauids men said vnto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Iudah: how much more then if wee come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

4 Then Dauid enquired of the LORD yet againe: And the LORD answered him, and said, Arise, go down to Keilah: for I will deliuer the Philistines into thine hand.

5 So Dauid and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistins, and brought away their cattell, and smote them with a great slaughter: so Dauid saued the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to passe when Abiathar the sonne of Ahimelech *fled to Dauid to Keilah, *that* hee came downe *with* an Ephod in his hand. * Chap. 22.
20.

7 ¶ And it was told Saul that Dauid was come to Keilah: and Saul said, God hath deliuered him into mine hand: for he is shut in, by entring into a towne that hath gates and barres.

8 And Saul called all the people together to warre, to goe downe to Keilah, to besiege Dauid, and his men.

9 ¶ And Dauid knewe that Saul secretly practised mischief against him, and hee said to Abiathar the Priest, Bring hither the Ephod.

10 Then saide Dauid, O LORD God of Israel, thy seruant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the citie for my sake.

11 Will the men of Keilah deliuer me vp into his hande? will Saul come downe, as thy seruant hath heard, O LORD God of Israel? I beseech thee tell thy seruant. And the LORD said, He will come downe.

12 Then said Dauid, Will the men of Keilah †deliuer me, and my men, into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, *†Hebr. shut vp.* They will deliuer thee vp.

13 ¶ Then Dauid and his men, *which were* about sixe hundred, arose, and departed out of Keilah, and went whither-soeuer they could goe: and it was told Saul that Dauid was escaped from Keilah, and hee forbare to goe forth.

14 And Dauid abode in the wilderness

nesse in strong holds, and remained in a mountaine in the wildernes of Ziph: and Saul sought him euery day, but God deliuered him not into his hand.

15 And Dauid saw that Saul was come out to seeke his life: and Dauid *was* in the wildernes of Ziph in a wood.

16 ¶ And Jonathan Sauls sonne arose, & went to Dauid into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

17 And he said vnto him, Feare not; for the hand of Saul my father shall not finde thee, and thou shalt be king ouer Israel, and I shall be next vnto thee: and that also Saul my father knoweth.

18 And they two made a couenant before the LORD: and Dauid abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

19 ¶ Then came vp the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not Dauid hide himselfe with vs in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is † on the South of || Ieshimon?

† *Hebr. on the right hand.*

|| *Or, the wildernes?*

20 Now therefore, O king, come downe according to all the desire of thy soule to come downe, and our part shall be to deliuer him into the kings hand.

21 And Saul said, Blessed be yee of the LORD, for yee haue compassion on me.

22 Goe, I pray you, prepare yet, and know, and see his place where his † haunt is, and who hath seene him there: for it is told mee that he dealeth very subtilly.

† *Heb. foote shalbe.*

23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himselfe, and come ye againe to me with the certainty, and I will goe with you: and it shall come to passe, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Iudah.

24 And they arose, & went to Ziph before Saul: but Dauid and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maon, in the plaine on the South of Ieshimon.

25 Saul also and his men went to seeke *him*, and they told Dauid: wherefore he came downe into a rocke, and abode in the wilderness of Maon: and when Saul heard that, he pursued after Dauid in the wildernes of Maon.

26 And Saul went on this side of the mountaine, and Dauid and his men on that side of the mountaine: and Da-

uid made haste to get away for feare of Saul: for Saul and his men compassed Dauid and his men round about to take them.

27 ¶ But there came a messenger vnto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come: for the Philistines haue †inuated the land.

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after Dauid, & went against the Philistines; therefore they called that place ||Sela-Hammahlekoth.

29 ¶ And Dauid went vp from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at En-gedi.

† *Hebr.*

*spread
themselues
vpon &c.*

|| That is,
*the rocke of
diuisions.*

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid in a caue at Engedi, hauing cut off Sauls skirt, spareth his life. 8 Hee sheweth thereby his innocencie. 16 Saul acknowledging his fault, taketh an oath of Dauid, and departeth.

AND it came to passe when Saul was returned from †folowing the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, Dauid is in the wilderness of En-gedi.

† *Hebr.*
after.

2 Then Saul tooke three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seeke Dauid and his men vpon the rockes of the wilde goates.

3 And hee came to the sheepe coates by the way, where *was* a caue, and Saul went in to couer his feete: and Dauid and his men remained in the sides of the caue.

4 And the men of Dauid sayd vnto him, Beholde the day of which the LORD sayd vnto thee, Behold, I wil deliuer thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest doe to him as it shall seeme good vnto thee. Then Dauid arose, and cut off the skirt of †Sauls robe priuily.

† *Hebr. the
robe, which
was Sauls.*

5 And it came to passe afterward, that Dauids heart smote him, because he had cut off Sauls skirt.

6 And hee sayd vnto his men, The LORD forbid that I should doe this thing vnto my master the LORDS Anoynted, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the Anoynted of the LORD.

7 So Dauid †stayed his seruants with these wordes, and suffered them not to rise against Saul: but Saul rose vp out of the caue, and went on *his* way.

† *Hebr. cut
off.*

8 Dauid also rose afterward, and
went

went out of the caue, and cryed after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behinde him, Dauid stouped with his face to the earth, and bowed himselfe.

9 ¶ And Dauid said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou mens words, saying, Behold, Dauid seeketh thy hurt?

10 Behold, this day thine eyes haue seene, how that the LORD had deliuered thee to day into mine hand in the caue: and some bade *me* kill thee, but *mine eye* spared thee, and I said, I will not put foorth mine hand against my lord, for hee *is* the LORDS Anointed.

11 Moreouer my father, See, yea see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see, that there is neither euill nor transgression in mine hand, and I haue not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soule, to take it.

12 The LORD iudge betweene me and thee, and the LORD auenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be vpon thee.

13 As saith the prouerbe of the ancients, Wickednesse proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be vpon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom doest thou pursue? After a dead dogge, after a flea.

15 The LORD therfore be Iudge, and iudge betweene me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and †deliuer me out of thine hand.

16 ¶ And it came to passe when Dauid had made an ende of speaking these words vnto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my sonne Dauid? And Saul lift vp his voice, and wept.

17 And he said to Dauid, Thou art more righteous then I: for thou hast rewarded mee good, whereas I haue rewarded thee euill.

18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had †deliuered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

19 For if a man finde his enimie, will hee let him goe well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good, for that thou hast done vnto me this day.

20 And now behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be King, and that

the kingdome of Israel shall be established in thine hand.

21 Sweare now therefore vnto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seede after mee, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my fathers house.

22 And Dauid sware vnto Saul, and Saul went home: but Dauid and his men gat them vp vnto the holde.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Samuel dieth. 2 Dauid in Paran sendeth to Nabal. 10 Prouoked by Nabals churlishnesse, hee mindeth to destroy him. 14 Abigail vnderstanding thereof, 18 taketh a present, 23 and by her wisdome 32 pacifieth Dauid. 36 Nabal hearing thereof, dieth. 39 Dauid taketh Abigail and Ahinoam to be his wiues. 44 Michal is giuen to Phalti.

AND *Samuel died, and all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And Dauid arose, & went downe to the wilderness of Paran. * Chap. 28. 3. ecclus. 46. 13, 20.

2 And there *was* a man in Maon, whose ||possessions *were* ||Or, *business*, in Carmel, and the man *was* very great, and hee had three thousand sheepe, and a thousand goates: and he was shearing his sheepe in Carmel.

3 Now the name of the man *was* Nabal, and the name of his wife, Abigail: and shee *was* a woman of good vnderstanding, and of a beautifull countenance: but the man *was* churlish and euill in his doings, and hee *was* of the house of Caleb.

4 ¶ And Dauid heard in the wilderness, that Nabal did sheare his sheepe.

5 And Dauid sent out ten yong men, and Dauid said vnto the young men, Get you vp to Carmel, and goe to Nabal, and †greete him in my name;

6 And thus shall ye say to him that liueth *in prosperitie*, † Heb. aske him in my name, of peace. Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be* vnto all that thou hast.

7 And now, I haue heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with vs, wee †hurt them not, neither †Heb. *shamed*. *was* there ought missing vnto them, all the while they were in Carmel.

8 Aske thy yong men, and they will shew thee: wherefore
let the yong men
finde

finde fauour in thine eyes: (for we come in a good day) giue, I pray thee, whatsoeuer commeth to thine hand, vnto thy seruants, and to thy sonne Dauid.

9 And when Dauids yong men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of Dauid, and †ceased.

† *Heb. rested.*

10 ¶ And Nabal answered Dauids seruants, and said, Who is Dauid? and who is the sonne of Iesse? There bee many seruants now a daies that breake away euery man from his master.

† *Hebr. slaughter.*

11 Shall I then take my bread and my water, and my †flesh that I haue killed for my shearers, and giue it vnto men, whom I know not whence they bee?

12 So Dauids yong men turned their way, and went againe, and came and told him all those sayings.

13 And Dauid said vnto his men, Gird you on euery man his sword. And they girded on euery man his sword, and Dauid also girded on his sword: and there went vp after Dauid about foure hundred men, and two hundred abode by the stuffe.

14 ¶ But one of the yong men told Abigail Nabals wife, saying, Behold, Dauid sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master: and †he railed on them.

† *Hebr. flew vpon them.*

† *Heb. shamed.*

15 But the men were very good vnto vs, and we were not †hurt, neither missed we any thing as long as wee were conuersant with them, when we were in the fields.

16 They were a wall vnto vs both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping sheepe.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt doe: for euill is determined against our master, and against all his houshold: for he is *such* a sonne of Belial, that a man cannot speake to him.

¶ *Or, lumps.*

18 ¶ Then Abigail made haste, and tooke two hundred loaues, and two bottles of wine, and fīue sheepe readie dressed, and fīue measures of parched corne, and an hundred ||clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figges, and laid them on asses.

19 And she said vnto her seruants, Goe on before me, behold, I come after you: but she told not her husband Nabal.

20 And it was so as she rode on the

asse, that she came downe by the couert of the hill, and behold, Dauid and his men came downe against her, and she met them.

21 (Now Dauid had said, Surely in vaine haue I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained vnto him: and he hath requited me euil for good.

22 So and more also doe God vnto the enemies of Dauid, if I leaue of all that pertaine to him by the morning light, any that pisseth against the wall.)

23 And when Abigail saw Dauid, she hasted, and lighted off the asse, and fell before Dauid on her face, and bowed her selfe to the ground,

24 And fell at his feet, and said, Vpon me, my lord, *vpon* me let *this* iniquitie be, and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speake in thine †audience, and heare the words of thine handmaid. †*Heb. eares.*

25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, †regard this man of Belial, †*Heb. lay it to his heart.* euen Nabal: for as his name is, so is he: Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with him: But I thine handmaid saw not the yong men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

26 Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD liueth, and *as* thy soule liueth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from comming to *shed* blood, and from †auenging thy selfe with thine owne hand: now let thine enemies and they that seeke euill to my lord, bee as Nabal. †*Heb. saying thy selfe.*

27 And now this ||blessing which thine handmaid hath brought vnto my lord, let it euen be giuen vnto the yong men that †follow my lord. †*Or, present*

28 I pray thee, forgiue the trespasses of thine handmaide: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fighteth the battels of the LORD, and euill hath not bene found in thee *all* thy dayes. †*Heb. walke at the feet of &c.*

29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seeke thy soule: but the soule of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God, and the soules of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, †*as out* of the middle of a sling. †*Heb. in the midst of the bought of a sling.*

30 And it shall come to passe when the LORD shal haue done to my lord, according to all the good that hee hath spoken concerning thee, and shall haue appointed thee ruler ouer Israel;

31 That

†*Hebr. no
staggering:
or, stum-
bling.*

31 That this shall bee no †griefe vnto thee, nor offence of heart vnto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causelesse, or that my lord hath auenged himselfe: But when the LORD shall haue dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmayd.

32 ¶ And Dauid sayd to Abigail, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me.

33 And blessed bee thy aduice, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from comming to shed blood, and from auenging my selfe with mine owne hand.

34 For in very deed, as the LORD God of Israel liueth, which hath kept mee backe from hurting thee, except thou hadst hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not bene left vnto Nabal, by the morning light, any that pisseth against the wall.

35 So Dauid receiued of her hand that which shee had brought him, and sayd vnto her, Goe vp in peace to thine house; See, I haue hearkened to thy voyce, and haue accepted thy person.

36 ¶ And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he held a feast in his house like the feast of a king; & Nabals heart *was* merry within him, for hee *was* very drunken: wherefore shee tolde him nothing, lesse or more, vntill the morning light.

37 But it came to passe in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as* a stone.

38 And it came to passe about ten dayes *after*, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.

39 ¶ And when Dauid heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproch from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his seruant from euil: for the LORD hath returned the wickednesse of Nabal vpon his owne head. And Dauid sent, and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.

40 And when the seruants of Dauid were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake vnto her, saying, Dauid sent vs vnto thee, to take thee to him to wife.

41 And shee arose, and bowed her selfe on her face to the earth, and sayd, Beholde, *let* thine handmayd *bee* a ser-

uant to wash the feet of the seruants of my lord.

42 And Abigail hasted, and rose, and rode vpon an asse, with fīue damosels of hers that went †after her; and she went after the messengers of Dauid, and became his wife. † *Hebr. at her feet.*

43 Dauid also tooke Ahinoam *of Iezreel, and they were also both of them his wiues. * Iosh. 15. 56.

44 ¶ But Saul had giuen *Michal his daughter, Dauids wife, to Phalti the sonne of Laish, which *was* of Gallim. * 2. Sam. 3. 14, 15.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Saul by the discouery of the Ziphites, commeth to Hachilah against Dauid. 4 Dauid comming into the trench, stayeth Abishai from killing Saul, but taketh his speare and cruse. 13 Dauid reproo- ueth Abner, 18 and exhorteth Saul. 21 Saul acknowledgeth his sinne.

AND the Ziphites came vnto Saul to Gibeah, saying, *Chap. 23. 19.
*Doeth not Dauid hide himselfe in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Ieshimon?

2 Then Saul arose, and went downe to the wilderness of Ziph, hauing three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seeke Dauid in the wilderness of Ziph.

3 And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* before Ieshimon by the way: but Dauid abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness.

4 Dauid therefore sent out spies, and vnderstood that Saul was come in very deed.

5 ¶ And Dauid arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and Dauid beheld the place where Saul lay, and *Abner the sonne of Ner the captaine of his hoste: and Saul lay in the ||trench, and the people pitched round about him. * Chap. 14. 50. and 17. 55.

6 Then answered Dauid, and sayd to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah brother to Ioab, saying, Who will goe downe with me to Saul to the campe? And Abishai sayd, I will goe downe with thee. || *Or, midst of his cariages.*

7 So Dauid and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his speare stucke in the ground at his bol-
ster:

ster : but Abner and the people lay round about him.

† *Heb. shut* 8 Then said Abishai to Dauid, God hath † deliuered thine
vph. enemy into thine hand this day : now therefore let mee smite
him, I pray thee, with *the* speare, euen to the earth at once,
and I will not *smite* him the second time.

9 And Dauid sayd to Abishai, Destroy him not : for who
can stretch forth his hand against the LORDS Anointed, and
be guiltlesse ?

10 Dauid said furthermore, As the LORD liueth, the LORD
shal smite him, or his day shall come to die, or hee shall
descend into battell, and perish.

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch foorth mine hand
against the LORDS Anointed : but I pray thee, take thou now
the speare that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and
let vs goe.

12 So Dauid tooke the speare and the cruse of water from
Sauls bolster, and they gate them away, and no man saw it,
nor knew it, neither awaked : for they were all asleepe,
because a deepe sleepe *from* the LORD was fallen vpon them.

13 ¶ Then Dauid went ouer to the other side, and stood
on the toppe of an hill afarre off (a great space being betweene
them :))

14 And Dauid cryed to the people, and to Abner the sonne
of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner ? Then Abner
answered, and sayd, Who *art* thou *that* cryest to the King ?

15 And Dauid said to Abner, *Art* not thou a valiant man ?
and who *is* like to thee in Israel ? Wherefore then hast thou
not kept thy lord the king ? for there came one of the people
in, to destroy the king thy lord.

† *Heb. the* 16 This thing *is* not good that thou hast done : as the LORD
sonnes of liueth, ye are † worthy to die, because yee haue not kept
death. your master the LORDS Anointed : and now see where the
Kings speare is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.

17 And Saul knew Dauids voyce, and said, Is this thy voice,
my sonne Dauid ? And Dauid saide, It is my voice, my lord,
O king.

18 And he said, Wherefore doeth my lord thus pursue after
his seruant ? for what haue I done ? or what euill is in mine
hand ?

19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king heare the words of his seruant: If the LORD haue stirred thee vp against mee, let him †accept an offering: but if they *be* the children of men, cursed *be* they before the LORD: for they haue driuen me out this day from †abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Goe serue other gods. †Heb. smell.
†Heb. cleauing.

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is come out to seeke a flea, as when one doeth hunt a partridge in the mountaines.

21 ¶ Then said Saul, I haue sinned: Returne, my sonne Dauid, for I will no more doe thee harme, because my soule was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I haue played the foole, and haue erred exceedingly.

22 And Dauid answered, and sayd, Behold the kings speare, and let one of the yong men come ouer and fetch it.

23 The LORD render to euery man his righteousness, and his faithfulness: for the LORD deliuered thee into my hand to day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORDS Anointed.

24 And behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes: so let my life bee much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliuer me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to Dauid, Blessed be thou, my sonne Dauid: thou shalt both doe great *things*, and also shalt still preuaile. So Dauid went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Saul hearing Dauid to be in Gath, seeketh no more for him. 5 Dauid beggeth Ziklag of Achish. 8 Hee inuading other countreys, perswadeth Achish he fought against Iudah.

AND Dauid sayd in his heart, I shall now †perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me, then that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shal despaire of me, to seeke me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand. †Hebr. be consumed.

2 And Dauid arose, and hee passed ouer with the sixe hundred men that
were

were with him, vnto Achish the sonne of Maoch king of Gath.

3 And Dauid dwelt with Achish at Gath, he, and his men, euery man with his houshold, *euen* Dauid with his two wiues, Ahinoam the Iezreelitesse, and Abigail the Carmelitesse Nabals wife.

4 And it was told Saul, that Dauid was fled to Gath, and he sought no more againe for him.

5 ¶ And Dauid said vnto Achish, If I haue now found grace in thine eyes, let them giue mee a place in some towne in the countrey, that I may dwel there: for why should thy seruant dwell in the royall citie with thee?

6 Then Achish gaue him Ziklag that day: wherfore Ziklag pertaineth vnto the kings of Iudah vnto this day.

† *Heb. the number of dayes.*

† *Hebr. a yeere of dayes.*

¶ *Or, Geraites.*

7 And † the time that Dauid dwelt in the countrey of the Philistines, was † a full yeere, and foure moneths.

8 ¶ And Dauid and his men went vp and inuaded the Geshurites, and the ¶ Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those *nations* were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, *euen* vnto the land of Egypt.

9 And Dauid smote the land, and left neither man nor woman aliue, and tooke away the sheepe, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparell, and returned, and came to Achish.

¶ *Or, did you not make a rode, &c.*

10 And Achish said, ¶ Whither haue ye made a rode to day? And Dauid said, Against the South of Iudah, and against the South of the Ierahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites.

11 And Dauid saued neither man nor woman aliue, to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on vs, saying, So did Dauid, and so will be his maner, all the while he dwelleth in the countrey of the Philistines.

† *Hebr. to stinke.*

12 And Achish beleueed Dauid, saying, Hee hath made his people Israel † vtterly to abhorre him, therefore hee shall be my seruant for euer.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Achish putteth confidence in Dauid. 3 Saul hauing destroyed the witches, 4 and now in his feare forsaken of God, 7 seeketh to a witch. 9 The witch, encouraged by Saul, raiseth vp Samuel. 15 Saul hearing his ruine, fainteth. 21 The woman with his seruants refresh him with meate.

AND it came to passe in those dayes, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel: And Achish said vnto Dauid, Knowe thou assuredly, that thou shalt goe out with me to battell, thou, and thy men.

2 And Dauid said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy seruant can doe. And Achish said to Dauid, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for euer.

3 ¶ Now *Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented *Chap. 25. him, and buried him in Ramah, euen in his owne citie: and Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wyzards, out of the land. ^{I.}

4 And the Philistines gathered themselues together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.

5 And when Saul saw the hoste of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreames, nor by Vrim, nor by Prophets.

7 ¶ Then said Saul vnto his seruants, Seeke me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may goe to her, and enquire of her. And his seruant said to him, Beholde, *there is* a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

8 And Saul disguised himselfe, and put on other raiment, and hee went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night, and he said, I pray thee diuine vnto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me *him* vp whom I shall name vnto thee.

9 And the woman saide vnto him, Beholde, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how hee hath cut off those that haue familiar spirits, and the wyzards out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

10 And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liueth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whome shall I bring vp vnto thee? and he said, Bring me vp Samuel.

12 And when the woman saw Samuel,
Ee muel,

muel, she cried with a lowd voyce; and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceiued me? for thou *art* Saul.

13 And the king sayd vnto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said vnto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

† *Hebr.*
what is his
forme?

14 And he said vnto her, † What forme is he of? And she said, An old man commeth vp, and he is couered with a mantle. And Saul perceiued that it was Samuel, and hee stouped with his face to the ground, and bowed himselfe.

† *Hebr. by*
the hand of
Prophets.

15 ¶ And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me vp? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistins make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither † by Prophets, nor by dreames: therefore I haue called thee, that thou mayst make knownen vnto me, what I shall doe.

16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then doest thou aske of mee, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

¶ *Or, for*
himselfe.
* Chap. 15.
28.

17 And the LORD hath done ¶ to him, * as hee spake by † mee: for the LORD hath rent the kingdome out of thine hand, and giuen it to thy neighbour, *euen* to Dauid:

† *Hebr.*
mine hand.

18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executest his fierce wrath vpon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing vnto thee this day.

19 Moreouer, the LORD will also deliuer Israel with thee, into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow *shalt* thou and thy sonnes *bee* with mee: the LORD also shall deliuer the hoste of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

† *Heb.*
made haste
and fel
with the
fulnesse of
his stature.

20 Then Saul † fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel, & there was no strength in him: for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor al the night.

21 ¶ And the woman came vnto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and sayd vnto him, Behold, thine handmayd hath obeyed thy voice, and I haue put my life in my hand, and haue hearkened vnto thy words which thou spakest vnto me.

22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also vnto the voyce of thine handmaid, & let me set a morsel of bread before thee; & eat, that thou mayest haue strength, when thou goest on thy way.

23 But hee refused, and said, I will not eate. But his seruants together with the woman compelled him, and he hearkened vnto their voyce: so he arose from the earth, & sate vpon the bed.

24 And the woman had a fat calfe in the house, and she hasted, and killed it, and tooke flower and kneaded *it*, and did bake vnleauened bread thereof.

25 And she brought *it* before Saul, and before his seruants, and they did eate: then they arose vp, and went away that night.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Dauid marching with the Philistines, 3 is disallowed by their Princes.

6 Achish dismisseth him with commendations of his fidelity.

NOW the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountaine which *is* in Iezreel.

2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but Dauid and his men passed on in the rere-ward with Achish.

3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What *doe* these Hebrewes *here*? And Achish said vnto the princes of the Philistines, *Is* not this Dauid the seruant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath bene with me these dayes, or these yeeres, and I haue found no fault in him since he fell *vnto me*, vnto this day?

4 And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him, and the princes of the Philistines said vnto him, *Make this fellow returne, that he may goe againe to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go downe with vs to battel, lest in the battell he be an aduersary to vs: for wherewith should hee reconcile himselfe vnto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?

5 *Is* not this Dauid, of whom they sang one to another in daunces, saying, *Saul slew his thousands, and Dauid his ten thousands?

6 ¶ Then Achish called Dauid, and said vnto him, Surely, as the LORD liueth, thou hast bene vpight, and thy going out and thy comming in with me in the hoste is good in my sight: for I haue not found euil in thee, since the day of thy comming vnto me vnto this day: neuertheles, the †lords fauour thee not.

7 Wherefore now returne and goe

* 1. Chron. 12. 19.
* Chap. 18. 7. and 21. 11.
† Hebr. thou art not good in the eyes of the lords.

†*Hebr. doe not euill in the eyes of the lords.* in peace, that thou †displease not the lords of the Philistines.

8 ¶ And Daudid said vnto Achish, But what haue I done? and what hast thou found in thy seruant so long as I haue bene †with thee vnto this day, that I may not goe fight against the enemies of my lord the king?

†*Hebr. before thee.*

9 And Achish answered, and said to Daudid, I know that thou *art* good in my sight, as an Angel of God: notwithstanding the Princes of the Philistines haue said, Hee shall not goe vp with vs to the battell.

10 Wherefore now rise vp early in the morning, with thy masters seruants that are come with thee: and assoone as yee be vp early in the morning, and haue light, depart.

11 So Daudid and his men rose vp early to depart in the morning, to returne into the land of the Philistines; and the Philistines went vp to Iezreel.

CHAP. XXX.

1 The Amalekites spoile Ziklag. 4 Daudid asking counsell, is encouraged by God to pursue them. 11 By the meanes of a reuiued Egyptian, he is brought to the enemies, and recouereth all the spoile. 22 Daudids law to diuide the spoile equally betweene them that fight, and them that keepe the stuffe. 26 He sendeth presents to his friends.

AND it came to passe when Daudid and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had inuaded the South and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burnt it with fire:

2 And had taken the women captiues, that *were* therein; they slewe not any either great or smal, but caried *them* away, and went on their way.

3 ¶ So Daudid and his men came to the citie, and beholde, it was burnt with fire, and their wiues, and their sonnes, and their daughters were taken captiues.

4 Then Daudid and the people that were with him, lift vp their voice, and wept, vntill they had no more power to weepe.

5 And Daudids two wiues were taken captiues, Ahinoam the Iezreelitesse, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

6 And Daudid was greatly distres-

sed: for the people spake of stoning him, because the soule of all the people was †griued, euery man for his sonnes, and for his daughters: but Dauid encouraged himselfe in the LORD his God. † Heb. bitter.

7 And Dauid said to Abiathar the Priest Ahimelechs sonne, I pray thee, bring mee hither the Ephod: and Abiathar brought thither the Ephod to Dauid.

8 And Dauid enquired at the LORD, saying; Shall I pursue after this troupe? shall I ouertake them? And he answered him, Pursue, for thou shalt surely ouertake *them*, and without faile recouer *all*.

9 So Dauid went, hee, and the sixe hundred men that *were* with him, and came to the brooke Besor, where those that were left behinde, stayed.

10 But Dauid pursued, he and foure hundred men: (for two hundred abode behinde, which were so faint that they could not goe ouer the brooke Besor.)

11 ¶ And they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to Dauid, and gaue him bread, and he did eate, and they made him drinke water.

12 And they gaue him a piece of a cake of figges, and two clusters of *raisins*: and when hee had eaten, his spirit came againe to him: for hee had eaten no bread, nor drunke any water, three dayes and three nights.

13 And Dauid sayde vnto him, To whome *belongest* thou? and whence *art* thou? And he said, I am a yong man of Egypt, seruant to an Amalekite, and my master left me, because three dayes agoe I fell sicke.

14 Wee made an inuasion *upon* the South of the Cherethites, and vpon the *coast* which *belongeth* to Iudah, and vpon the South of Caleb, and wee burnt Ziklag with fire.

15 And Dauid sayde to him, Canst thou bring me downe to this company? And he said, Sweare vnto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliuer mee into the handes of my master, and I will bring thee downe to this company.

16 ¶ And when he had brought him downe, behold, they *were* spread abroad vpon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dauncing, because of all the great spoile that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Iudah.

† *Heb. their morrow.* 17 And Dauid smote them from the twilight, euen vnto the euening of † the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, saue foure hundred yong men which rode vpon camels, and fled.

18 And Dauid recouered all that the Amalekites had caried away: and Dauid rescued his two wiues.

19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sonnes nor daughters, neither spoile, nor any thing that they had taken to them: Dauid recouered all.

20 And Dauid tooke all the flockes, and the herds, *which* they draue before those *other* cattell, and said, This *is* Dauids spoile.

21 ¶ And Dauid came to the two hundred men which were so faint that they could not follow Dauid, whome they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet Dauid, and to meete the people, that *were* with him; and when Dauid came neere to the people, he ¶ saluted them.

¶ *Or, asked them howe they did.*

22 Then answered all the wicked men, and *men* of Belial, of † those that went with Dauid, and said, Because they went not with vs, we wil not giue them *ought* of the spoile, that wee haue recouered, saue to euery man his wife and his children, that they may leade *them* away, and depart.

† *Heb. men.*

23 Then said Dauid, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath giuen vs, who hath preserued vs, and deliuered the companie that came against vs, into our hand.

24 For who will hearken vnto you in this matter? But as his part *is* that goeth downe to the battell, so shall his part *bee* that tarieth by the stuffe: they shall part alike.

† *Heb. and forward.* 25 And it was so from that day † forward, that he made it a statute, and an ordinance for Israel, vnto this day.

† *Heb. blessing.*

26 ¶ And when Dauid came to Ziklag, hee sent of the spoile vnto the Elders of Iudah, *euen* to his friends, (saying, Behold a † Present for you, of the spoile of the enemies of the LORD)

27 To *them* which *were* in Bethel, and to *them* which *were* in South Ramoth, and to *them* which *were* in Iattir,

28 And to *them* which *were* in Aroer, and to *them* which *were* in Siphmoth, and to *them* which *were* in Eshtemoa,

29 And to *them* which *were* in Rachal, and *them* which *were* in the cities of the

Ierahmeelites, and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the Kenites,

30 And to *them* which *were* in Hormah, and to *them* which *were* in Chorashan, and to *them* which *were* in Athach,

31 And to *them* which *were* in Hebron, and to all the places where Dauid himselfe and his men were wont to haunt.

CHAP. XXXI.

1 Saul hauing lost his armie, and his sonnes slaine, he and his armour bearer kill themselues. 7 The Philistines possesse the forsaken townes of the Israelites. 8 They triumph ouer the dead carkeises. 11 They of Iabesh Gilead, recouering the bodies by night, burne them at Iabesh, and mournfully burie their bones.

N Owe *the Philistines fought against Israel: and the * 1. Chron. 10. 1.
men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell
down ||slaine in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard vpon Saul, and vpon || Or, wounded.
his sonnes, and the Philistines slewe Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, Sauls sonnes.

3 And the battell went sore against Saul, and the †archers † Heb. shooters,
†hit him, and he was sore wounded of the archers. men with
bowes.

4 Then said Saul vnto his armour bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these vncircumcised † Heb. found him.
come and thrust me through, and ||abuse mee. But his || Or, mocke
armour bearer would not, for he was sore afraid: therefore me.
Saul tooke a sword, & fell vpon it.

5 And when his armour bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise vpon *his* sword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour bearer, and all his men that same day together.

7 ¶ And when the men of Israel that *were* on the other side of the valley, and they that *were* on the other side Iordane, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sonnes were dead, they forsooke the cities and fled, and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to passe on the morrow when the Philistines came to strip the slaine, that they found Saul, and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and
stripped

stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about to publish *it in* the house of their idoles, and among the people.

10 And they put his armour in the house of Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.

|| *Or, concerning him.*

11 ¶ And when the inhabitants of Iabesh Gilead heard || of that which the

¶ THE of Samuel, second Booke

CHAP. I.

1 The Amalekite, who brought tidings of the ouerthrow, and accused himselfe of Sauls death, is slaine. 17 Dauid lamenteth Saul and Jonathan with a song.

* 1. Sam.
30. 17.

NOW it came to passe after ^ēy death of Saul, when Dauid was returned from * the slaughter of the Amalekites, and Dauid had abode two daies in Ziklag,

2 It came euen to passe on the third day, that behold, a man came out of the campe from Saul, with his clothes rent, and earth vpon his head: and so it was when he came to Dauid, that hee fell to the earth, and did obeysance.

3 And Dauid said vnto him, From whence comest thou? And he said vnto him, Out of the campe of Israel am I escaped.

† *Heb. what was &c.*

4 And Dauid said vnto him, † How went the matter? I pray thee, tell mee. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battell, and many of the people also are fallen and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his sonne are dead also.

5 And Dauid said vnto the yong man that told him, How knowest thou

Philistines had done to Saul :

12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and tooke the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sonnes from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Iabesh, and *burnt them there. * Iere. 34.

13 And they tooke their bones, and *buried *them* vnder a * 2. Sam. 2.
tree at Iabesh, and fasted seuen dayes. 4.

SECOND BOOKE

otherwise called, The

of the Kings.

that Saul and Ionathan his sonne be dead ?

6 And the yong man that told him, said, As I happened by chance vpon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned vpon his speare : and loe, the charets and horsemen followed hard after him.

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called vnto mee : and I answered, † Here am I.

8 And hee said vnto mee, Who *art* thou ? and I answered him, I *am* an Amalekite.

† Hebr. be-
hold me.

9 He said vnto me againe, Stand, I pray thee, vpon me, and slay me : for ||anguish is come vpon mee, because my life is yet whole in me.

|| Or, my
coat of
male, (or,
my em-
broidered
coat)
hindereth
mee, that
my, &c.

10 So I stood vpon him, and slew him, because I was sure that hee could not liue after that hee was fallen : And I tooke the crowne that *was* vpon his head, and the bracelet that *was* on his arme, and haue brought them hither vnto my lord.

11 Then Daid tooke hold on his clothes, and *rent them, and likewise all the men that *were* with him.

* Chap. 3.
31. and 13.
31.

12 And they mourned and wept, and fasted vntill Euen, for Saul and for Ionathan his sonne, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel, because they were fallen by the sword.

13 ¶ And Daid said vnto the yong man that told him,
Whence *art* thou ?

Ee 3

And

And he answered, I *am* the sonne of a stranger, an Amalekite.

* Psal. 105. 14 And Dauid said vnto him, * How wast thou not afraid
15. to stretch forth thine hand, to destroy the LORDS Anointed?

15 And Dauid called one of the yong men, and sayd, Goe neere, *and* fall vpon him. And hee smote him, that hee dyed.

16 And Dauid said vnto him, Thy blood *be* vpon thy head: for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I haue slaine the LORDS Annoynted.

17 ¶ And Dauid lamented with this lamentation ouer Saul, and ouer Ionathan his sonne:

18 (Also hee bade them teach the children of Iudah *the use of* the bow: behold, it is written * in the booke || of Iosh. 10. 13. Iasher.)

|| Or, of the 19 The beauty of Israel is slaine vpon thy high places: how
upright. are the mightie fallen!

* Micah 1. 20 * Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streetes of
10. Askelon: lest the daughters of the Philistines reioyce, lest the daughters of the vncircumcised triumph.

21 Yee mountaines of Gilboa, let there *bee* no dewe, neither let there *be* raine vpon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mightie is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, *as though* hee had not bene annointed with oile.

22 From the blood of the slaine, from the fat of the mightie, the bow of Ionathan turned not backe, and the sword of Saul returned not emptie.

|| Or, sweet. 23 Saul and Ionathan *were* louely and ||pleasant in their liues, and in their death they were not diuided: they were swifter then Eagles, they were stronger then Lions.

24 Yee daughters of Israel, weepe ouer Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with *other* delights, who put on ornaments of golde vpon your apparell.

25 How are the mightie fallen in the midst of the battell!
O Ionathan, thou wast slaine in thine high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Ionathan, very pleasant hast thou bene vnto mee: thy loue to mee was wonderfull, passing the loue of women.

27 How are the mightie fallen, and the weapons of warre perished!

CHAP. II.

1 Daid by Gods direction, with his companie goeth vp to Hebron, where he is made King of Iudah. 5 He commendeth them of Iabesh Gilead, for their kindnesse to Saul. 8 Abner maketh Ishbosheth king of Israel. 12 A mortall skirmish betweene twelue of Abners, and twelue of Ioabs men. 18 Asahel is slaine. 25 At Abners motion Ioab soundeth a retreat. 32 Asahels buriall.

AND it came to passe after this, that Daid enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I goe vp into any of the Cities of Iudah? And the LORD said vnto him, Goe vp. And Daid said, Whither shall I goe vp? And he said, Vnto Hebron.

2 So Daid went vp thither, and his two wiues also, Ahinoam the Iezreelitesse, and Abigail Nabals wife the Carmelite.

3 And his men that *were* with him, did Daid bring vp, euery man with his houshold: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

4 And *the men of Iudah came, and there they anointed *1. Macc. Daid king ouer the house of Iudah: and they tolde Daid, 2. 57. saying; That *the men of Iabesh Gilead *were they* that *1. Sam. buried Saul. 31. 13.

5 ¶ And Daid sent messengers vnto the men of Iabesh Gilead, and said vnto them, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD, that ye haue shewed this kindnesse vnto your lord, *euē* vnto Saul, and haue buried him.

6 And now the LORD shewe kindnesse and trueth vnto you: and I also will requite you this kindnesse, because ye haue done this thing.

7 Therefore now let your handes be strengthened, and †be †*Heb. be ye* ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house *the sonnes* of Iudah haue anointed me king ouer them. *of valour.*

8 ¶ But Abner the sonne of Ner, captaine of †Sauls hoste, †*Heb. the* tooke Ishbosheth the sonne of Saul, and brought him ouer to *hoste which* Mahanaim. *was Sauls.*

9 And hee made him king ouer Gilead, and ouer the Ashurites, and ouer Iezreel, and ouer Ephraim, and ouer Benjamin, and ouer all Israel.

10 Ishbosheth Sauls sonne *was* fortie yeeres olde when he began to reigne ouer Israel, and reigned two yeres: but the house of Iudah followed Daid.

11 (And

†*Heb.*
number of
dayes.

11 (And the †time that Dauid was King in Hebron ouer the house of Iudah, *was* seuen yeeres, and sixe moneths)

12 ¶ And Abner the sonne of Ner, and the seruants of Ishbosheth the sonne of Saul, went out from Mahanaim, to Gibeon.

†*Heb.*
them
together.

13 And Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah, and the seruants of Dauid went out, and met †together by the poole of Gibeon: and they sate downe, the one on the one side of the poole, and the other on the other side of the poole.

14 And Abner said to Ioab, Let the yong men now arise, and play before vs: and Ioab saide, Let them arise.

15 Then there arose and went ouer by number twelue of Benjamin, which *pertained* to Ishbosheth the sonne of Saul, and twelue of the seruants of Dauid.

¶That is,
the field of
strong
men.

16 And they caught euery one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellowes side, so they fell downe together: Wherefore that place was called ¶Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon.

17 And there was a very sore battell that day: and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the seruants of Dauid.

†*Heb. of*
his feele..
†*Heb. as*
one of the
Roes that is
in the field.
†*Heb.*
from after
Abner.

18 ¶ And there were three sonnes of Zeruiah there, Ioab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel *was as* light †of foot †as a wilde Roe.

19 And Asahel pursued after Abner, and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from †following Abner.

20 Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, *I am.*

¶Or, *spoile.*

21 And Abner said to him, Turne thee aside to thy right hand, or to thy left, and lay thee holde on one of the yong men, and take thee his ¶armour. But Asahel would not turne aside from following of him.

22 And Abner said againe to Asahel, Turne thee aside from following me: Wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I holde vp my face to Ioab thy brother?

23 Howbeit he refused to turne aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder ende of the speare smote him vnder the fift ribbe, that the speare came out behinde him, and hee fell downe there, and died

in the same place: and it came to passe, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell downe and died, stood still.

24 Ioab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the Sunne went downe when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.

25 ¶ And the children of Benjamin gathered themselues together after Abner, and became one troupe, and stood on the top of an hill.

26 Then Abner called to Ioab, and said, Shall the sword deuoure for euer? Knowest thou not that it wil be bitterness in the latter end? How long shall it bee then, yer thou bid the people returne from following their brethren?

27 And Ioab said, As God liueth, vnlesse thou hadst spoken, surely then † in the morning the people had || gone vp euery † *Heb. from the morning.*

28 So Ioab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any † *Or, gone away.* more.

29 And Abner and his men walked all that night thorow the plaine, and passed ouer Iordane, and went thorow all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

30 And Ioab returned from folowing Abner; and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of Dauids seruants nineteene men, and Asahel.

31 But the seruants of Dauid had smitten of Benjamin and of Abners men, *so that* three hundred and threescore men died.

32 ¶ And they tooke vp Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father which *was* in Bethlehem: and Ioab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at breake of day.

CHAP. III.

1 During the warre Dauid still waxeth stronger. 2 Sixe sonnes were borne to him in Hebron. 6 Abner displeased with Ishbosheth, 12 reuolteth to Dauid. 13 Dauid requireth a condition to bring him his wife Michal. 17 Abner hauing communed with the Israelites, is feasted by Dauid, and dismissed. 22 Ioab returning from battell, is displeased with the king, and killeth Abner. 28 Dauid curseth Ioab, 31 and mourneth for Abner.

Now

NOW there was long war betweene the house of Saul, and the house of Dauid : but Dauid waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 ¶ And vnto Dauid were sonnes borne in Hebron : and his first borne was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Iezreel-tesse.

3 And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite : and the third, Absalom the sonne of Maacah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur ;

4 And the fourth, Adoniah the son of Haggith : and the fifth, Shephatiah the sonne of Abital ;

5 And the sixth, Ithream by Eglah Dauids wife : these were borne to Dauid in Hebron.

6 ¶ And it came to passe while there was warre between the house of Saul and the house of Dauid, that Abner made himselfe strong for the house of Saul.

* Chap. 21.
10.

7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name was * Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah : and *Ishbosheth* saide to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in vnto my fathers concubine ?

8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of *Ishbosheth*, and said, *Am* I a dogs head, which against Iudah doe shew kindnesse this day vnto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and haue not deliuered thee into the hand of Dauid, that thou chargest mee to day with a fault concerning this woman ?

9 So doe God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworne to Dauid, euen so I doe to him :

10 To translate the kingdome from the house of Saul, and to set vp the throne of Dauid ouer Israel, and ouer Iudah, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba.

11 And he could not answer Abner a word againe, because he feared him.

12 ¶ And Abner sent messengers to Dauid on his behalfe, saying, Whose *is* the land ? saying *also*, Make thy league with me, and behold, my hand *shall bee* with thee, to bring about all Israel vnto thee.

† *Hebr.*
saying.

13 ¶ And he said, Well, I will make a league with thee : but one thing I require of thee, † that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Mi-

chal Sauls daughter, when thou comest to see my face.

14 And Dauid sent messengers to Ishbosheth Sauls sonne, saying, Deliuer mee my wife Michal, which I espoused to mee for *an hundred foreskinnes of the Philistines.

* 1. Sam.
18. 25. 27.

15 And Ishbosheth sent, and tooke her from her husband, *euen* from *Phaltiel the sonne of Laish.

* 1. Sam.

16 And her husband went with her †along weeping behinde her to Bahurim: then said Abner vnto him, Goe, returne. And he returned.

25. 44.
Phalti.
† *Hebr. going, and weeping.*

17 ¶ And Abner had communication with the Elders of Israel, saying, Yee sought for Dauid †in times past, to be king ouer you.

† *Hebr. both yesterday, and the third day.*

18 Now then doe *it*, for the LORD hath spoken of Dauid, saying; By the hand of my seruant Dauid I will saue my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner also spake in the eares of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speake in the eares of Dauid in Hebron, all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin.

20 So Abner came to Dauid to Hebron, and twenty men with him: and Dauid made Abner, and the men that *were* with him, a feast.

21 And Abner said vnto Dauid, I will arise, and goe, and will gather all Israel vnto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest raigne ouer all that thine heart desireth. And Dauid sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

22 ¶ And behold, the seruants of Dauid, and Ioab came from *pursuing* a troupe, and brought in a great spoile with them: (but Abner *was* not with Dauid in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace.)

23 When Ioab and all the host that *was* with him, were come, they told Ioab, saying, Abner the sonne of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace.

24 Then Ioab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came vnto thee, why is it that thou hast sent him away, & he is quite gone?

25 Thou knowest Abner the sonne of Ner, that he came to deceiue thee, and to know thy going out, and thy coming

ming

ming in, & to know all that thou doest.

26 And when Ioab was come out from Dauid, hee sent messengers after Abner, which brought him againe from the well of Siriah ; but Dauid knew *it* not.

* 1. King. 27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, *Ioab tooke
2. 5.
|| *Or, peace-* him aside in the gate to speake with him || quietly : and smote
ably. him there vnder the fift *ribbe*, that he died, for the blood of
* Chap. 2. * Asahel his brother.

23. 28 ¶ And afterward when Dauid heard it, hee said, I and
my kingdome *are* guiltlesse before the LORD for euer, from
the † blood of Abner the sonne of Ner :

† *Heb.*
bloods

† *Heb. be*
cut off.

29 Let it rest on the head of Ioab, and on all his fathers house, & let there not † faile from the house of Ioab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staffe, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread.

* Chap. 2. 30 So Ioab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because
23. he had slaine their brother * Asahel at Gibeon in the battell.

31 ¶ And Dauid said to Ioab, and to all the people that were with him, Rent your clothes, and girde you with sackcloth, and mourne before Abner. And king Dauid himselfe
† *Heb. bed.* followed the † biere.

32 And they buried Abner in Hebron, and the king lift vp his voice, and wept at the graue of Abner ; and all the people wept.

33 And the king lamented ouer Abner, and said, Died Abner as a foole dieth ?

34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feete put into fetters :
† *Heb. children of iniquitie.* as a man falleth before † wicked men, so fellest thou. And all the people wept againe ouer him.

35 And when all the people came to cause Dauid to eate meate while it was yet day, Dauid sware, saying, So doe God to mee, and more also, if I taste bread or ought else, till the Sunne be downe.

† *Heb. was good in their eyes.* 36 And all the people tooke notice of it, and it † pleased them : as whatsoeuer the King did, pleased all the people.

37 For all the people, and all Israel vnderstood that day, that it was not of the King to slay Abner the sonne of Ner.

38 And the King said vnto his ser-

uants, Knowe yee not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?

39 And I am this day †weake, though anointed King, and †*Heb. tender.* these men the sonnes of Zeruiah *be* too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of euill, according to his wickednesse.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The Israelites being troubled at the death of Abner, 2 Baanah and Rechab slay Ishbosheth, and bring his head to Hebron. 9 Dauid causeth them to be slaine, and Ishbosheths head to be buried.

AND when Sauls sonne heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled.

2 And Sauls sonne had two men that were captaines of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the †other Rechab, the sonnes of Rimmon a Beerothite, of †*Heb. second.* the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin:

3 And the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there vntill this day.)

4 And Ionathan, Sauls sonne, had a sonne that was lame of his feete, *and* was fve yeeres olde when the tidings came of Saul and Ionathan out of Iezreel, and his nource tooke him vp, and fled: and it came to passe as she made haste to flee, that hee fell, and became lame, and his name *was* Mephishosheth.

5 And the sonnes of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who lay on a bed at noone.

6 And they came thither into the midst of the house, as *though* they would haue fetched wheat, and they smote him vnder the fift *rib*, and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 For when they came into the house, hee lay on his bedde in his bed-chamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and tooke his head, and gate them away thorow the plaine all night.

8 And they brought the head of Ishbosheth vnto Dauid to Hebron, and said to the King, Behold the head
of

of Ishbosheth the sonne of Saul, thine enemy, which sought thy life, and the LORD hath auenged my lord the king this day of Saul and of his seed.

9 ¶ And Dauid answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sonnes of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said vnto them, *As* the LORD liueth, who hath redeemed my soule out of all aduersitie,

* Chap. 1. 10 When *one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead,
15. († thinking to haue brought good tidings) I tooke hold of him,
† *Heb. hee was in his owne eyes as a bringer, &c.* and slew him in Ziklag, || who *thought* that I would haue
|| *Or, which was the reward I gaue him for his tidings.* giuen him a reward for his tidings:

11 How much more, when wicked men haue slaine a righteous person, in his owne house, vpon his bed? Shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?

12 And Dauid commanded his yong men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feete, and hanged them vp ouer the poole in Hebron: but they tooke the head of Ishbosheth, and buried *it* in the *sepulchre of Abner, in Hebron.

CHAP. V.

1 The tribes come to Hebron to annoint Dauid ouer Israel. 4 Dauids age. 6 Hee taking Zion from the Iebusites dwelleth in it. 11 Hiram sendeth to Dauid. 13 Eleuen sonnes are borne to him in Ierusalem. 17 Dauid directed by God smiteth the Philistines at Baal Perazim, 22 and againe at the Mulberie trees.

* 1. Chron. 11. 1. **T**Hen *came all the tribes of Israel to Dauid vnto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone, and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past when Saul was king ouer vs, thou *wast hee* that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, *Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt bee a captaine ouer Israel.

3 So all the Elders of Israel came to the King to Hebron, and King Dauid made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed Dauid King ouer Israel.

4 ¶ Dauid was thirtie yeeres old when he began to reigne, and he reigned fourtie yeeres.

* Chap. 2. 11 5 In Hebron he reigned ouer Iudah *seuen yeeres, and sixe moneths: and in Ierusalem he reigned thirty and

three yeres ouer all Israel and Iudah.

6 ¶ And the king and his men went to Ierusalem, vnto the Iebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake vnto Dauid, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: ¶ Thinking, Dauid cannot come in hither.

¶ Or, saying, Dauid shall not &c.

7 Neuerthelesse, Dauid tooke the strong hold of Zion: the same is the citie of Dauid.

8 And Dauid said on that day, Whosoeuer getteth vp to the gutter, and smiteth the Iebusites, and the lame, and the blind, *that are* hated of Dauids soule, ** he shall be chiefe and captaine:* ¶ Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

** 1. Chron. 11. 6.*

¶ Or, because they had said euen the blind & the lame, &c.

9 So Dauid dwelt in the fort, and called it the citie of Dauid, and Dauid built round about, from Millo and inward.

10 And Dauid †went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

11 ¶ And ** Hiram* king of Tyre sent messengers to Dauid, and Cedar trees, and carpenters, and †Masons: and they built Dauid an house.

† Heb. went,

12 And Dauid perceiued that the LORD had established him King ouer Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdome for his people Israels sake.

*going and growing. * 1. Chron. 14. 1.*

13 ¶ And ** Dauid* tooke him mo concubines and wiues out of Ierusalem, after he was come from Hebron, and there were yet sonnes and daughters borne to Dauid.

† Heb. hewers of the stone of the wall.

14 And ** these be* the names of those that *were* borne vnto him in Ierusalem, Shammua, & Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon:

** 1. Chron. 3. 9. and 1. Chron. 3. 5.*

15 Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Iaphia,

16 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet.

17 ¶ ** But* when the Philistines heard that they had anointed Dauid King ouer Israel, all the Philistines came vp to seeke Dauid, and Dauid heard of it, and went downe to the hold.

** 1. Chron. 11. 16. and 14. 8.*

18 The Philistines also came, and spred themselues in the valley of Rephaim.

19 And Dauid enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I goe vp to the Philistines? wilt thou deliuer them into mine hand? And the LORD said vnto Dauid, Goe vp: for I will doubtlesse

lesse deliuer the Philistines into thine hand.

* Esa. 28.
21.

20 And *Dauid came to Baal-Perazim, and Dauid smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth vpon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place, ||Baal-Perazim.

|| That is,
the plaine
of breaches.

21 And there they left their images, and Dauid and his men *||burnt them.

* 1. Chron.

14. 12.
|| Or, tooke
them
away.

22 ¶ And the Philistines came vp yet againe, and spread themselues in the valley of Rephaim.

23 And when Dauid enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not goe vp: *but* fetch a compasse behinde them, and come vpon them ouer against the Mulberry trees.

24 And let it be when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestirre thy selfe: for then shal the LORD goe out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

25 And Dauid did so, as the LORD had commaunded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba, vntil thou come to Gazer.

CHAP. VI.

1 Dauid fetcheth the Arke from Kiriath-earim on a new cart. 6 Vzzah is smitten at Perez-Vzzah. 9 God blesseth Obed-Edom for the Arke. 12 Dauid bringing the Arke into Zion with sacrifices, daunceth before it, for which Michol despiseth him. 17 Hee placeth it in a tabernacle with great ioy and feasting. 20 Michal reproouing Dauid for his religious ioy, is childlesse to her death.

* 1. Chro.
13, 5, 6.

|| Or, at
which the
Name,
euen the
Name of
the LORD
of hosts
was called
vpon.

† Heb.
made to
ride.

|| Or, the
hill.

* 1. Sam.

7. 2.

AGain, Dauid gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirtie thousand:

2 And *Dauid arose and went with all the people that *were* with him, from Baale of Iudah, to bring vp from thence the Arke of God, ||whose Name is called by the Name of the LORD of hostes, that dwelleth *betweene* the Cherubims.

3 And they †set the Arke of God vpon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that *was* in ||Gibeah: and Vzzah and Ahio the sonnes of Abinadab, draue the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of *the

house of Abinadab which *was* at Gibeah, †accompanying the †*Hebr.*
Arke of God; and Ahio went before the Arke. *with.*

5 And Dauid and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of *instruments* made of Firrewood, euen on harpes, and on Psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cimbals.

6 ¶ And *when they came to Nachons threshing floore, *1. Chron. 13. 9.
Vzzah put forth his *hand* to the Arke of God, and tooke hold of it, for the oxen ||shooke it.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Vzzah, and God smote him there for *his* ||errour, and there he died ||*Or, stum-*
by the Arke of God. *bled.*
||*Or, rash-*
nesse.

8 And Dauid was displeased, because the LORD had †made †*Hebr.*
a breach vpon Vzzah: And hee called the name of the place, *broken.*
||Perez-Vzzah to this day.

9 And Dauid was afraide of the LORD that day, and said, ||*That is,*
How shall the Arke of the LORD come to me? *The breach*
of Vzzah.

10 So Dauid would not remoue the Arke of the LORD vnto him into the citie of Dauid: but Dauid caried it aside into the house of Obed Edom, the Gittite.

11 And the Arke of the LORD continued in the house of Obed Edom the Gittite, three moneths: and the LORD blessed Obed Edom, and all his household.

12 ¶ And it was told king Dauid, saying, *The LORD *1. Chron. 15. 25.
hath blessed the house of Obed Edom, and all that *pertained* vnto him, because of the Arke of God. So Dauid went, and brought vp the Arke of God, from the house of Obed Edom, into the citie of Dauid, with gladnesse.

13 And it was so, that when they that bare the Arke of the LORD, had gone sixe paces, hee sacrificed oxen and fatlings.

14 And Dauid daunced before the LORD with all *his* might, and Dauid was girded with a linnen Ephod.

15 So Dauid and all the house of Israel brought vp the Arke of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 And as the Arke of the LORD came into the citie of Dauid, Michal Sauls daughter looked through a window, and saw king Dauid leaping and dauncing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

17 ¶ And

† *Heb. stretched.* 17 ¶ And they brought in the Arke of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the Tabernacle that Dauid had † pitched for it: and Dauid offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings before the LORD.

* 1. Chron. 16. 2. 18 And assoone as Dauid had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, * hee blessed the people in the Name of the LORD of hostes.

19 And hee dealt among all the people, euen among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to euery one a cake of bread, and a good piece of *flesh*, and a flagon of *wine*: so all the people departed euery one to his house.

¶ *Or, openly.* 20 ¶ Then Dauid returned to blesse his houshold: and Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meete Dauid, and said, How glorious was the King of Israel to day, who vnouer himselfe to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his seruants, as one of the vaine fellowes || shamelessly vnouereth himselfe!

21 And Dauid said vnto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, & before all his house, to appoint me ruler ouer the people of the LORD, ouer Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

¶ *Or, of the handmaids of my seruants.* 22 And I will yet be more vile then thus, and will be base in mine owne sight: and || of the maid seruants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.

23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no childe vnto the day of her death.

CHAP. VII.

1 Nathan first approouing the purpose of Dauid to build God an house, 4 after by the word of God forbiddeth him. 12 He promiseth him benefites and blessings in his seede. 18 Dauids prayer and thankes-giuing.

* 1. Chron. 17. 2. **A**ND it came to passe, * when the King sate in his house, and the LORD had giuen him rest round about frō all his enemies;

2 That the king said vnto Nathan the Prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of Cedar, but the Arke of God dwelleth within curtaines.

3 And Nathan sayde to the King,

Go, doe all that is in thine heart: for the LORD *is* with thee.

4 ¶ And it came to passe that night, that the word of the LORD came vnto Nathan, saying;

5 Goe and tell †my seruant Dauid, Thus sayth the LORD, †*Heb. to my ser-
uant, to Dauid.*

6 Whereas I haue not dwelt in any house, since the time that I brought vp the children of Israel out of Egypt, euen to this day, but haue walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

7 In all *the places* wherein I haue walked with all the children of Israel, spake I a word with ||any of the tribes of Israel, whome I commanded to feede my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of Cedar? †*In the 1.
Chro. 17. 6.
any of the
Iudges.*

8 Now therefore so shalt thou say vnto my seruant Dauid; Thus sayth the LORD of hostes, *I tooke thee from the sheepe-cote, †from following the sheepe, to be ruler ouer my people, ouer Israel. *1. Sam.
16. 12.
psal. 78.
70.

9 And I was with thee whithersoener thou wentest, and haue cut off all thine enemies †out of thy sight, and haue made thee a great name, like vnto the name of the great men that *are* in the earth. †*Heb.
from after.
Heb.
from thy
face.*

10 (Moreouer I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their owne, and mooue no more: neither shall the children of wickednesse afflict them any more, as beforetime,

11 And as since the time that I commanded Iudges *to bee* ouer my people Israel, and haue caused thee to rest from all thine enemies:) Also the LORD telleth thee, that he will make thee an house.

12 ¶ And *when thy dayes be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleepe with thy fathers, I will set vp thy seede after thee, which shall proceede out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdome. *1. King.
8. 20.

13 *Hee shall build an house for my Name, and I will stablsh the throne of his kingdome for euer. *1. King.
5. 5. and 6.
12. 1. chro.
22. 10.

14 *I will be his father, and he shall be my sonne: *if hee commit iniquitie, I will chasten him with the rodde of men, and with the stripes of the children of men. *Heb. 1. 5.
*Psal. 89.
31, 32.

15 But my mercie shall not depart away from him, as I tooke it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And

16 And thine house, and thy kingdome shall be stablished for euer before thee: thy throne shall bee stablished for euer.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speake vnto Dauid.

18 ¶ Then went king Dauid in, and sate before the LORD, and hee said, Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

† Heb.
Law.

19 And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord GOD: but thou hast spoken also of thy seruants house for a great while to come, and *is* this the †maner of man, O Lord GOD?

20 And what can Dauid say more vnto thee? for thou, Lord GOD, knowest thy seruant.

21 For thy words sake, and according to thine own heart hast thou done all these great things, to make thy seruant know *them*.

22 Wherefore thou art great, O Lord GOD: for *there is* none like thee, neither *is there* any God beside thee, according to all that we haue heard with our eares.

* Deut. 4.
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23 And *what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people, *euen* like Israel, whom God went to redeeme for a people to himselfe, & to make him a name, and to doe for you great things, and terrible, for thy lande, before thy people which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations, and their gods?

24 For thou hast confirmed to thy selfe thy people Israel *to be* a people vnto thee for euer: and thou, LORD art become their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken, concerning thy seruant, and concerning his house, establish *it* for euer, and doe as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name bee magnified for euer, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God ouer Israel: and let the house of thy seruant Dauid bee established before thee.

† Heb.
opened the
eare.

27 For thou, O LORD of hostes, God of Israel, hast †re-uealed to thy seruant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy seruant found in his heart to pray this prayer vnto thee.

* Ioh. 17.
17.

28 And now, O Lord GOD, (thou art that God, and *thy words be true,

and thou hast promised this goodnesse vnto thy seruant.)

29 Therefore now †let it please thee to blesse the house of thy seruant, that it may continue for euer before thee: for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken *it*, and with thy blessing let the house of thy seruant be blessed for euer.

† *Heb. bee thou pleased and blesse.*

CHAP. VIII.

1 Daud subdueth the Philistines and the Moabites. 3 He smiteth Hadadezer, and the Syrians. 9 Toi sendeth Ioram with Presents to blesse him. 11 The Presents and the spoile Daud dedicateth to God. 14 He putteth garisons in Edom. 16 Dauds officers.

AND *after this it came to passe, that Daud smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and Daud tooke ||Metheg-Ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

* 1. Chron. 18. 1. &c. psal. 60. 2. || *Or, the bridle of Ammah.*

2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them downe to the ground: euen with two lines measured he, to put to death, and with one full line to keepe alieue: and so the Moabites became Dauds seruants, and brought gifts.

3 ¶ Daud smote also Hadadezer the sonne of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recouer his border at the riuier Euphrates.

4 And Daud tooke ||from him a thousand ||charets, and seuen hundred horsemen, and twentie thousand footemen: and Daud houghed all the charet *horses*, but reserued of them *for* an hundred charets.

|| *Or, of his.* || As 1. Chr. 18. 4.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, Daud slew of the Syrians two and twentie thousand men.

6 Then Daud put garisons in Syria of Damascus: And the Syrians became seruants to Daud, and brought gifts: and the LORD preserued Daud whithersoever he went.

7 And Daud tooke the shields of gold that were on the seruants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Ierusalem.

8 And from Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King Daud tooke exceeding much brasse.

9 ¶ When Toi king of Hamath heard that Daud had smitten all the hoste of Hadadezer,

Ff

10 Then

10 Then Toi sent Ioram his sonne vnto king Dauid to
 † *Hebr. aske him of peace.* salute him, and to blesse him, because hee had fought
 † *Hebr. was a man of warres with.* against Hadadezer, and smitten him: (for Hadadezer † had
 warres with Toi) and Ioram † brought with him vessels of
 siluer, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brasse;

11 Which also king Dauid did dedicate vnto the LORD,
 with the siluer and gold that he had dedicate of all nations
 which he subdued:
 † *Hebr. in his hand were.*

12 Of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon,
 and of the Philistines, & of Amalek, and of the spoile of
 Hadadezer sonne of Rehob king of Zobah.

13 And Dauid gate *him* a name when he returned from
 † *Hebr. his smiting.* smiting of the Syrians in the valley of salt, *being* eighteene
 thousand men.

14 ¶ And he put garrisons in Edom; thorowout all Edom
 put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became Dauids ser-
 uants: and the LORD preserued Dauid whithersoever he
 went.

15 And Dauid reigned ouer all Israel, and Dauid executed
 iudgement and iustice vnto all his people.

16 And Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah *was* ouer the host, and
 Iehoshaphat the sonne of Ahilud *was* ¶ Recorder.

17 And Zadok the sonne of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the
 sonne of Abiathar, *were* the Priests, and Seraiah *was* the
 ¶ scribe.

* 1. Chron. 18. 17. ¶ *Or, Prin-* 18 * And Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada *was* *ouer* both the
 Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and Dauids sonnes were
 ¶ chiefe rulers.

CHAP. IX.

1 Dauid by Ziba, sendeth for Mephibosheth. 7 For Ionathans sake
 he intertaineth him at his table, and restoreth him all that was Sauls.
 9 He maketh Ziba his farmour.

AND Dauid said, Is there yet any that is left of the house
 of Saul, that I may shew him kindnesse for Ionathans
 sake?

2 And there was of the house of Saul, a seruant whose
 name was Ziba: and when they had called him vnto
 Dauid, the king said vnto him, *Art* thou Ziba? And he
 said, Thy seruant *is* he.

3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house
 of Saul, that I

may shew the kindnesse of God vnto him? and Ziba said vnto the king, Jonathan hath yet a sonne, which is * lame on his feete. * Chap. 4. 4.

4 And the king saide vnto him, Where *is* hee? and Ziba said vnto the king, Behold, he *is* in the house of Machir the sonne of Ammiel, in Lodebar.

5 ¶ Then king Dauid sent, and fet him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar.

6 Now when Mephibosheth the sonne of Jonathan the sonne of Saul, was come vnto Dauid, hee fell on his face, and did reuerence: and Dauid said, Mephibosheth! And he answered, Behold thy seruant.

7 ¶ And Dauid saide vnto him, Feare not; for I will surely shew thee kindnesse, for Jonathan thy fathers sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father, and thou shalt eate bread at my table continually.

8 And hee bowed himselfe, and saide, What *is* thy seruant, that thou shouldest looke vpon such a dead dogge as I *am*?

9 ¶ Then the king called to Ziba Sauls seruant, and said vnto him, I haue giuen vnto thy masters sonne all that pertained to Saul, and to all his house.

10 Thou therefore and thy sonnes, and thy seruants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the fruits*, that thy masters sonne may haue food to eate: but Mephibosheth thy masters sonne shall eate bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fiftene sonnes, and twenty seruants.

11 Then saide Ziba vnto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his seruant, so shall thy seruant doe: as for Mephibosheth, *said the King*, he shall eate at my table, as one of the kings sonnes.

12 And Mephibosheth had a yong sonne whose name *was* Micha: and all that dwelt in the house of Ziba, *were* seruants vnto Mephibosheth.

13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Ierusalem: for hee did eate continually at the kings table, and was lame on both his feete.

CHAP. X.

1 Dauids messengers sent to comfort Hanun the sonne of Nahash, are villenously intreated. 6 The Ammonites, strengthened by the Syrians,

Syrians, are ouercome by Ioab and Abishai. 15 Shobach making a new supply of the Syrians at Helam, is slaine by Daud.

* 1. Chron.
19. 1.

And it came to passe, after this, that the *king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his sonne reigned in his stead.

2 Then said Daud, I will shewe kindnes vnto Hanun the sonne of Nahash, as his father shewed kindnes vnto me. And Daud sent to comfort him by the hand of his seruants, for his father: and Dauds seruants came into the land of the children of Ammon.

† Hebr. in
thine eyes
doth Da-
uid?

3 And the princes of the children of Ammon saide vnto Hanun their lord, †Thinkest thou that Daud doeth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters vnto thee? Hath not Daud rather sent his seruants vnto thee, to search the citie, and to spie it out, and to ouerthrow it?

4 Wherefore Hanun tooke Dauds seruants, and shaued off the one halfe of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, *euen* to their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 When they told *it* vnto Daud, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the King saide, Tarie at Iericho vntill your beards be growen, *and* then returne.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon saw that they stanke before Daud, the children of Ammon sent, and hired the Syrians of Beth-Rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twentie thousand footmen, and of king Maacah, a thousand men, and of Ishtob twelue thousand men.

7 And when Daud heard of it, he sent Ioab, and all the hoste of the mightie men.

8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battell in aray at the entring in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba and of Rehob, and Ishtob, and Maacah, *were* by themselues in the field.

9 When Ioab saw that the front of the battell was against him, before and behind, he chose of all the choise men of Israel, and put them in aray against the Syrians.

10 And the rest of the people he deliuered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put them in aray against the children of Ammon.

11 And he said, If the Syrians bee too strong for me, then thou shalt helpe me: but if the children of Ammon bee too strong for thee, then I will come and helpe thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let vs play the men, for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD doe that which seemeth him good.

13 And Ioab drew nigh, and the people that *were* with him, vnto the battell against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fledde, then fled they also before Abishai, and entred into the citie: so Ioab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Ierusalem.

15 ¶ And when the Syrians sawe that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselues together.

16 And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond the riuier, and they came to Helam, and Shobach the captaine of the hoste of Hadarezer *went* before them.

17 And when it was told Dauid, he gathered all Israel together, and passed ouer Iordane, and came to Helam: and the Syrians set themselues in aray against Dauid, and fought with him.

18 And the Syrians fled before Israel, and Dauid slew *the men* of seuen hundred charets of the Syrians, and fourtie thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captaine of their hoste, who died there.

19 And when all the kings that were seruants to Hadarezer sawe, that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and serued them: so the Syrians feared to helpe the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XI.

1 While Ioab besieged Rabbah, Dauid committeth adulterie with Bath-sheba. 6 Vriah sent for by Dauid to couer the adulterie, would not goe home neither sober nor drunken. 14 Hee carieth to Ioab the letter of his death. 18 Ioab sendeth the newes thereof to Dauid. 26 Dauid taketh Bath-sheba to wife.

AND it came to passe, that †after the yeere was expired, at the time when kings goe foorth to battell, that
 *Dauid sent Ioab and his seruants with him, and all Is-
 rael; †*Heb. at the returne of the yeere.*
 *1. Chron. 20. 1.

rael; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah: but Dauid taried still at Ierusalem.

2 ¶ And it came to passe in an euening tide, that Dauid arose from off his bed, and walked vpon the rooffe of the kings house: and from the rooffe he saw a woman washing her selfe; and the woman was very beautifull to looke vpon.

3 And Dauid sent and enquired after the woman: and one said, Is not this Bath-sheba the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Vriah the Hittite?

4 And Dauid sent messengers, and tooke her, and shee came in vnto him, and he lay with her, (¶for she was *purified from her vncleannesse) and shee returned vnto her house.

5 And the woman conceiued, and sent and tolde Dauid, and said, I am with childe.

6 ¶ And Dauid sent to Ioab, *saying*, Send me Vriah the Hittite. And Ioab sent Vriah to Dauid.

7 And when Vriah was come vnto him, Dauid demanded of him †how Ioab did, and how the people did, and how the warre prospered.

8 And Dauid said to Vriah, Goe downe to thy house, and wash thy feete. And Vriah departed out of the Kings house, and there †followed him a messe of *meat* from the king.

9 But Vriah slept at the doore of the kings house, with all the seruants of his lord, and went not downe to his house.

10 And when they had tolde Dauid, saying, Vriah went not downe vnto his house, Dauid said vnto Vriah, Camest thou not from thy iourney? why *then* diddest thou not goe downe vnto thine house?

11 And Vriah said vnto Dauid, The Arke, and Israel, and Iudah abide in tents, and my lord Ioab, and the seruants of my lord are encamped in the open fields; shall I then goe into mine house, to eate and to drinke, and to lie with my wife? As thou liuest, and as thy soule liueth, I will not doe this thing.

12 And Dauid said to Vriah, Tary here to day also, and to morow I will let thee depart. So Vriah abode in Ierusalem that day, and the morrow.

13 And when Dauid had called him, hee did eate and drinke before him, and

¶ Or, and
whē she
had puri-
fied her
selfe, &c.
she re-
turned.

*Leuit. 15.
19. and
18. 19.
†Heb. of
the peace
of &c.

†Heb.
went out
after him.

he made him drunke: and at euen hee went out to lie on his bed with the seruants of his lord, but went not downe to his house.

14 ¶ And it came to passe in the morning, that Dauid wrote a letter to Ioab, and sent *it* by the hand of Vriah.

15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set yee Vriah in the forefront of the †hottest battel, and retire ye †from him, ^{† Heb. strong} that he may be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to passe when Ioab obserued the citie, that he assigned Vriah vnto a place where hee knewe that valiant ^{† Heb. from after him.} men were.

17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Ioab: and there fell some of the people of the seruants of Dauid, and Vriah the Hittite died also.

18 ¶ Then Ioab sent, and tolde Dauid all the things concerning the warre:

19 And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an ende of telling the matters of the warre vnto the King;

20 And if so be that the kings wrath arise, and hee say vnto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh vnto the city when yee did fight? Knew yee not that they would shoot from the wall?

21 Who smote *Abimelech the sonne of Ierubesheth? Did not a woman cast a piece of a milstone vpon him from the ^{* Iudg. 9.} wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? 53. Then say thou, Thy seruant Vriah the Hittite is dead also.

22 ¶ So the messenger went, and came and shewed Dauid all that Ioab had sent him for.

23 And the messenger said vnto Dauid, Surely the men preuailed against vs, and came out vnto vs into the field, and we were vpon them euen vnto the entring of the gate.

24 And the shooters shot from off the wall vpon thy seruants, and some of the Kings seruants be dead, and thy seruant Vriah the Hittite is dead also.

25 Then Dauid said vnto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say vnto Ioab, Let not this thing †displease thee: for the ^{† Heb. be euill in thine eyes.} sword deuoureth †one as well as another: Make thy battell more strong against the citie, and ouerthrow it; and encourage thou him. ^{† Heb. so and such.}

26 ¶ And when the wife of Vriah heard that Vriah her husband was dead,

dead, she mourned for her husband.

27 And when the mourning was past, Dauid sent, and fet her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a sonne: but the thing that Dauid had done, †displeased the LORD.

† *Heb. was euill in the eyes of.*

CHAP. XII.

1 Nathans parable of the Ewe lambe, causeth Dauid to be his owne Iudge. 7 Dauid, reprobued by Nathan, confesseth his sinne and is pardoned. 15 Dauid mourneth and prayeth for the childe, while it liued. 24 Salomon is borne and named Iedidiah. 26 Dauid taketh Rabbah, and tortureth the people thereof.

AND the LORD sent Nathan vnto Dauid: and he came vnto him, and said vnto him, There were two men in one citie; the one rich, and the other poore.

2 The rich *man* had exceeding many flockes and herds.

3 But the poore *man* had nothing saue one litle ewe lambe, which he had bought and nourished vp: and it grew vp together with him, and with his children, it did eate of his owne †meate, and dranke of his owne cup, and lay in his bosome, and was vnto him as a daughter.

† *Heb. morsell.*

4 And there came a traueller vnto the rich man, and he spared to take of his owne flocke, and of his owne herd, to dresse for the wayfaring man that was come vnto him, but tooke the poore mans lambe, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

5 And Dauids anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liueth, the man that hath done this thing, ||shall surely die.

† *Or, is worthy to die.*

* Exo. 22.

6 And he shall restore the Lambe *fourefold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pittie.

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* Sam. 16.

13.

7 ¶ And Nathan said to Dauid, Thou art the man: thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I *anointed thee king ouer Israel, and I deliuered thee out of the hand of Saul,

8 And I gaue thee thy Masters house, and thy Masters wiues into thy bosome, and gaue thee the house of Israel and of Iudah, and if that had bene too litle, I would moreouer haue giuen vnto thee such and such things.

9 Wherefore hast thou despised the commandement of the LORD, to doe euill in his sight? thou hast killed Vriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slaine him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

10 Now therefore the sword shall neuer depart from thine house, because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Vriah the Hittite, to be thy wife.

11 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise vp euill against thee out of thine owne house, and I will *take thy wiues ^{* Deut. 28. 30. chap. 16. 22.} before thine eyes, and giue *them* vnto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wiues in the sight of this Sunne.

12 For thou diddest *it* secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the Sunne.

13 And Dauid saide vnto Nathan, *I haue sinned against ^{* Ecclus. 47. 11.} the LORD. And Nathan saide vnto Dauid, The LORD also hath put away thy sinne, thou shalt not die.

14 Howbeit, because by this deede thou hast giuen great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the childe also that is borne vnto thee, shall surely die.

15 ¶ And Nathan departed vnto his house: and the LORD strake the childe that Vriahs wife bare vnto Dauid, and it was very sicke.

16 Dauid therfore besought God for the childe, and Dauid †fasted, and went in, and lay all night vpon the earth. ^{† Heb. fasted a fast.}

17 And the Elders of his house arose, *and went* to him, to raise him vp from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eate bread with them.

18 And it came to passe on the seuenth day, that the childe died: and the seruants of Dauid feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they saide, Behold, while the childe was yet alieue, we spake vnto him, and he would not hearken vnto our voice: how will he then †vexe himselfe, if we tell him that the childe is dead? ^{† Heb. doe hurt.}

19 But when Dauid saw that his seruants whispered, Dauid perceiued that the childe was dead: therefore Dauid said vnto his seruants, Is the child dead? and they said, He is dead.

20 Then Dauid arose from the earth and washed, and anointed *himselfe*, and changed

changed his apparell, and came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped: then hee came to his owne house, and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eate.

21 Then said his seruants vnto him, What thing *is* this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weepe for the childe, while it was aliue, but when the childe was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.

22 And he said, While the child was yet aliue, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell, *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child may liue?

23 But now hee is dead, Wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him backe againe? I shall goe to him, but he shall not returne to me.

24 ¶ And Dauid comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in vnto her, and lay with her: and *she bare a sonne, and he called his name Solomon, and the LORD loued him.

* Matt. 1.
6.

25 And hee sent by the hand of Nathan the Prophet, and *hee called his name || Iedidiah, because of the LORD.

* 1. Chron.
22. 9.
|| That is,
*Beloued of
the Lord.*

26 ¶ And Ioab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and tooke the royall citie.

27 And Ioab sent messengers to Dauid, and said, I haue fought against Rabbah, and haue taken the citie of waters.

28 Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together, and encampe against the citie, and take it: lest I take the citie, and †it be called after my name.

† *Hebr. my
name be
called vpon
it.*

29 And Dauid gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and tooke it.

* 1. Chron.
20. 2.

30 *And he tooke their kings crowne from off his head (the weight whereof *was* a talent of gold, with the precious stones) and it was *set* on Dauids head, and he brought forth the spoile of the citie †in great abundance.

† *Hebr.
very great.*

31 And he brought forth the people that *were* therein, and put *them* vnder sawes, and vnder harrowes of yron, and vnder axes of yron, and made them passe through the bricke-kilne: And thus did he vnto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So Dauid and all the people returned vnto Ierusalem.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Amnon louing Tamar, by Ionadabs counsell faining himselfe sicke, rauisheth her. 15 Hee hateth her, and shamefully turneth her a-

way. 19 Absalom entertaineth her, and concealeth his purpose.
 23 At a sheepe-shearing, among all the Kings sonnes, hee killeth
 Amnon. 30 Dauid grieuing at the newes is comforted by Ionadab.
 37 Absalom flieth to Talmay at Geshur.

And it came to passe after this, that Absalom the sonne
 of Dauid had a faire sister, whose name *was* Tamar:
 and Amnon the sonne of Dauid loued her.

2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sicke for his sister
 Tamar: for she was a virgine, and † Amnon thought it hard
 for him to doe any thing to her. *† Heb. it
was mar-
uelous or
hidden in
the eyes of
Amnon.*

3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name *was* Ionadab, the
 sonne of Shimeah, Dauids brother: and Ionadab *was* a very
 subtile man. *† Heb.
thin.
† Heb.
morning
by morn-
ing.*

4 And he saide vnto him, Why *art* thou, being the Kings
 sonne, † leane † from day to day? Wilt thou not tel me?
 and Amnon said vnto him, I loue Tamar my brother
 Absaloms sister. *† Heb.
thin.
† Heb.
morning
by morn-
ing.*

5 And Ionadab said vnto him, Lay thee downe on thy bed,
 and make thy selfe sicke: and when thy father commeth to
 see thee, say vnto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar
 come, and giue me meat, and dresse the meat in my sight,
 that I may see *it*, and eate *it* at her hand.

6 ¶ So Amnon lay downe, and made himselfe sicke: and
 when the king was come to see him, Amnon said vnto the
 king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, & make me a
 couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand.

7 Then Dauid sent home to Tamar, saying, Goe now to
 thy brother Ammons house, and dresse him meat.

8 So Tamar went to her brother Ammons house (and hee
 was laide downe) and she tooke ||flowre, and kneaded *it*, and || Or, *paste*.
 made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes.

9 And she tooke a pan, and powred *them* out before
 him, but hee refused to eate: and Amnon said, Haue out
 all men from mee: And they went out euery man from
 him.

10 And Amnon saide vnto Tamar, Bring the meate into
 the chamber, that I may eate of thine hand. And Tamar
 tooke the cakes which shee had made, and brought *them* into
 the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 And when shee had brought *them*
 vnto

vnto him to eate, hee tooke hold of her, and said vnto her, Come lye with mee, my sister.

12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, doe not †force me: for * †no such thing ought to bee done in Israel; doe not thou this folly.

† Heb.
humble me.
* Leuit.

18. 9.

† Heb. It
ought not
so to be
done.

13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to goe? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fooles in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, speake vnto the king, for he will not withhold me from thee.

14 Howbeit hee would not hearken vnto her voice, but being stronger then shee, forced her, and lay with her.

† Heb.
with great
hatred
greatly.

15 ¶ Then Amnon hated her †exceedingly, so that the hatred wherewith he hated her, was greater then the loue wherewith hee had loued her: And Amnon said vnto her, Arise, be gone.

16 And she said vnto him, There is no cause: this euill in sending me away, is greater then the other that thou diddest vnto me: But he would not hearken vnto her.

17 Then hee called his seruant that ministred vnto him, and said, Put now this *woman* out from mee, and bolt the doore after her.

18 And shee had a garment of diuers colours vpon her: for with such robes were the Kings daughters, that were virgins, apparelled. Then his seruant brought her out, and bolted the doore after her.

19 ¶ And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of diuers colours that was on her, and layde her hand on her head, and went on, crying.

20 And Absalom her brother sayde vnto her, Hath Amnon thy brother beene with thee? But holde nowe thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother, †regard not this thing. So Tamar remained †desolate in her brother Absaloms house.

† Heb. set
not thine
heart.

† Heb. and
desolate.

21 ¶ But when King Dauid heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

22 And Absalom spake vnto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

23 ¶ And it came to passe after two full yeeres, that Absalom had sheepe-shearers in Baal-Hazor, which *is* beside Ephraim: and Absalom inuited all the kings sonnes.

24 And Absalom came to the King,

and said, Behold now, thy seruant hath sheepe-shearers, Let the King, I beseech thee, and his seruants, goe with thy seruant.

25 And the King sayde to Absalom, Nay, my sonne, let vs not all now goe, lest we be chargeable vnto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not goe, but blessed him.

26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon goe with vs. And the King said vnto him, Why should he goe with thee?

27 But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the kings sonnes goe with him.

28 ¶ Now Absalom had commanded his seruants, saying, Marke yee now when Ammons heart is merrie with wine, and when I say vnto you, Smite Amnon, then kill him, feare not: ¶ haue not I commanded you? be couragious, and be † valiant.

29 And the seruants of Absalom did vnto Amnon as Absalom had commanded: then all the Kings sonnes arose, and euery man † gate him vp vpon his mule, and fled.

30 ¶ And it came to passe while they were in the way, that tidings came to Dauid, saying, Absalom hath slaine all the Kings sonnes, and there is not one of them left.

31 Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth: and all his seruants stode by with their clothes rent.

32 And Ionadab the sonne of Shimeah Dauids brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they haue slaine all the yong men the Kings sonnes; for Amnon onely is dead: for by the † appointment of Absalom this hath beene ¶ determined, from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

33 Now therefore let not my lord the King take the thing to his heart, to thinke that all the Kings sonnes are dead: for Amnon onely is dead.

34 But Absalom fled: and the yong man that kept the watch, lift vp his eyes, and looked, and behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him.

35 And Ionadab said vnto the king, Behold, the kings sonnes come: † as thy seruant said, so it is.

36 And it came to passe assoone as hee had made an ende of speaking, that behold,

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you not,
since I
haue com-
manded
you?
† Heb.
sonnes of
valour.
† Heb. rode.*

*† Heb.
mouth
Or, settled.*

*† Heb. ac-
cording to
the word of
thy ser-
uant.*

behold, the kings sonnes came, and lift vp their voice, and wept; and the King also and all his seruants wept †very sore.

† *Hebr. with a great weeping greatly.*
 || *Or, Ammihur.*

37 ¶ But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai the sonne of Ammihud king of Geshur: and *David* mourned for his sonne euery day.

38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three yeeres.

|| *Or, was consumed.*

39 And *the soule of* king Dauid ||longed to goe foorth vnto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Ioab, suborning a widow of Tekoah, by a parable to incline the Kings heart to fetch home Absalom, bringeth him to Hierusalem.

25 Absaloms beautie, haire, and children. 28 After two yeres, Absalom by Ioab is brought into the Kings presence.

NOW Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah, perceiued that the kings heart *was* toward Absalom.

2 And Ioab sent to Tekoah, and fetcht thence a wise woman, and said vnto her, I pray thee, faine thy selfe to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thy selfe with oile, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

3 And come to the king, and speake on this maner vnto him: so Ioab put the words in her mouth.

4 ¶ And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, shee fell on her face to the ground, and did obeysance, and said, †Helpe, O king.

† *Hebr. saue.*

5 And the king said vnto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead.

† *Hebr. no deliuerer betweene them.*

6 And thy handmayd had two sonnes, and they two stroue together in the field, and there was †none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.

7 And behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmayd, and they said, Deliuer him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew, and we will destroy the heire also: and so they shall quench my cole which is left, and shall not leaue to my husband *neither* name

nor remainder †vpon the earth.

8 And the king saide vnto the woman, Goe to thine house, and I will giue charge concerning thee.

† Hebr.
vpon the
face of the
earth.

9 And the woman of Tekoah said vnto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquitie *bee* on mee, and on my fathers house: and the king and his throne *bee* guiltlesse.

10 And the king said, Whosoeuer saith *ought* vnto thee, bring him to mee, and he shall not touch thee any more.

11 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, †that thou wouldest not suffer the reuengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my sonne. And he said, As the LORD liueth, there shall not one haire of thy sonne fall to the earth.

† Hebr.
that the
reuenger of
blood doe
not multi-
ply to
destroy.

12 Then the woman said, Let thine handmayd, I pray thee, speake one word vnto my lord the king. And hee said, Say on.

13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? For the king doeth speake this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doeth not fetch home againe his banished.

14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot bee gathered vp againe: || neither doeth God respect any person, yet doeth he devise meanes, that his banished bee not expelled from him.

|| Or, be-
cause God
hath not
taken away
his life, he
hath also
devised
meanes,
&c.

15 Now therefore that I am come to speake of this thing vnto my lord the king, *it is* because the people haue made me afraid: and thy handmayd said, I will now speake vnto the king; it may bee that the king will performe the request of his handmayd.

16 For the king wil heare, to deliuer his handmayd out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy mee, and my sonne together out of the inheritance of God:

17 Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be †comfortable: for as an Angel of God, so *is* my lord the king †to discerne good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

† Hebr. for
rest.
† Hebr. to
heare.

18 Then the king answered and said vnto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall aske thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speake.

19 And the king said, Is not the hand

hand of Ioab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soule liueth, my lord the king, none can turne to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy seruant Ioab, hee bade me, and he put all these wordes in the mouth of thine handmaid:

20 To fetch about this forme of speech hath thy seruant Ioab done this thing: and my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdome of an Angel of God, to know all things that *are* in the earth.

21 ¶ And the king said vnto Ioab, Behold now, I haue done this thing: goe therefore, bring the yong man Absalom againe.

22 And Ioab fell to the ground on his face, & bowed himselfe, and † thanked the king: and Ioab said, To day thy seruant knoweth that I haue found grace in thy sight, my lord O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of
 † *Heb. blessed.*
 || Or, thy. || his seruant.

23 So Ioab arose, and went to Geshur, & brought Absalom to Ierusalem.

24 And the king said, Let him turne to his owne house, & let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his owne house, and sawe not the kings face.

25 ¶ † But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom, for his beautie: from the sole of his foot euen to the crowne of his head, there was no blemish in him.
 26 And when he polled his head, (for it was at euery yeres end that he polled it: because *the haire* was heauy on him, therefore he polled it) hee weighed the haire of his head at two hundred shekels after the kings weight.
 † *Heb. and as Absalom there was not a beautifull man in all Israel, to praise greatly.*

27 And vnto Absalom there were borne three sonnes, and one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar: shee was a woman of a faire countenance.

28 ¶ So Absalom dwelt two full yeeres in Ierusalem, and saw not the kings face.

29 Therefore Absalom sent for Ioab, to haue sent him to the king, but hee would not come to him: and when hee sent againe the second time, hee would not come.

30 Therefore hee said vnto his seruants, See, Iobas field is † neere mine, and he hath barley there: goe, and set it on fire: and Absaloms seruants set the field on fire.
 † *Heb. neere my place.*

31 Then Ioab arose, and came to

Absalom vnto his house, and said vnto him, Wherefore haue thy seruants set my field on fire ?

32 And Absalom answered Ioab, Behold, I sent vnto thee, saying, come hither, that I may send thee to the king to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur ? It had bene good for mee *to haue bene* there still : now therefore let me see the kings face : and if there bee any iniquitie in me, let him kill me.

33 So Ioab came to the King, and told him : and when hee had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himselfe on his face to the ground before the king, and the King kissed Absalom.

CHAP. XV.

1 Absalom, by faire speeches and courtesies, stealeth the hearts of Israel.

7 Vnder pretence of a vow he obtaineth leaue to go to Hebron. 10 He maketh there a great conspiracie. 13 Daud vpon the newes fleeth from Ierusalem. 19 Ittai would not leaue him. 24 Zadok and Abiathar are sent backe with the Arke. 30 Daud and his companie go vp mount Oliuet weeping. 31 He curseth Ahithophels counsel. 32 Hushai is sent backe with instructions.

And it came to passe after this, that Absalom prepared him charets and horses, and fiftie men to runne before him.

2 And Absalom rose vp earely, and stood beside the way of the gate : and it was so, that when any man that had a controuersie, † came to the king for iudgment, then Absalom ^{† *Hebr. to come.*} called vnto him, and said, Of what citie *art* thou ? And he said, Thy seruant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel.

3 And Absalom said vnto him, See, thy matters *are* good & right, but there is || no man *deputed* of the king to heare thee. || *Or, none will heare*

4 Absalom said moreouer, Oh that I were made Iudge in the land, that euery man which hath any suit or cause, might *come from the king* come vnto me, and I would do him iustice. *downward.*

5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him, to doe him obeisance, he put foorth his hand, and tooke him, and kissed him.

6 And on this maner did Absalom to all Israel, that came to the King for iudgement : so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 ¶ And

7 ¶ And it came to passe after fourtie yeeres, that Absalom said vnto the king, I pray thee, let mee goe and pay my vow which I haue vowed vnto the LORD in Hebron.

8 For thy seruant vowed a vowe while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring mee againe in deed to Ierusalem, then I will serue the LORD.

9 And the king said vnto him, Goe in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron.

10 ¶ But Absalom sent spies thorowout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soone as yee heare the sound of the trumpet, then yee shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.

11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Ierusalem, that were called, and they went in their simplicitie, and they knew not any thing.

12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, Dauids counsellor, from his citie, *euen* from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices : and the conspiracie was strong, for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 ¶ And there came a messenger to Dauid, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14 And Dauid said vnto all his seruants that *were* with him at Ierusalem, Arise, and let vs flee ; for wee shall not *else* escape from Absalom : make speede to depart, lest hee ouertake vs suddenly, and †bring euill vpon vs, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the kings seruants said vnto the king, Behold, thy seruants *are readie to doe* whatsoever my lord the king shall †appoint.

16 And the king went forth, and all his houshold †after him : and the King left tenne women, which were concubines, to keepe the house.

17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and taried in a place that was farre off.

18 And all his seruants passed on beside him : and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, sixe hundred men, which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 ¶ Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with vs? Returne to thy place, and abide with the King : for thou art a stranger, and also an exile.

† *Heb.*
thrust

† *Heb.*
chuse.
† *Heb. at*
his feete.

20 Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should I this day
† make thee goe vp and downe with vs? Seeing I goe whither † *Heb.*
I may, returne thou, and take backe thy brethren: mercie *make thee*
and trueth *be* with thee. *wander in*
going?

21 And Ittai answered the King, and said, As the LORD
liueth, and as my lord the king liueth, surely in what place
my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, euen
there also will thy seruant be.

22 And Dauid said to Ittai, Goe, and passe ouer. And
Ittai the Gittite passed ouer, and all his men, and all the
little ones that *were* with him.

23 And all the countrey wept with a loude voice, and all
the people passed ouer: the King also himselfe passed ouer
the brooke || Kidron, and all the people passed ouer, toward || *Called*
the way of the wilderness. *Ioh. 18. 1.*
Cedron.

24 ¶ And loe, Zadok also, and all the Leuites *were* with
him, bearing the Arke of the Couenant of God, and they set
downe the Arke of God; and Abiathar went vp, vntill all
the people had done passing out of the citie.

25 And the King said vnto Zadok, Cary backe the Arke of
God into the citie: if I shall finde fauour in the eyes of the
LORD, he wil bring me againe, and shew me *both* it, and his
habitation.

26 But if he thus say, I haue no delight in thee: beholde,
here am I, let him doe to me, as seemeth good *vnto him*.

27 The king said also vnto Zadok the Priest, * Art not thou * 1. Sam.
a Seer? Returne into the citie in peace, and your two sonnes 9. 9.
with you, Ahimaaz thy sonne, and Jonathan the sonne of
Abiathar.

28 See, I will tarie in the plaine of the wilderness, vntill
there come word from you to certifie me.

29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar caried the Arke of God
againe to Ierusalem; and they taried there.

30 ¶ And Dauid went vp by the ascent of *mount Oliuet*,
† and wept as he went vp, and had his head couered, and he † *Heb. go-*
went barefoote, and all the people that *was* with him, couered *ing vp and*
euery man his head, and they went vp, weeping as they went *weeping.*
vp.

31 ¶ And *one* tolde Dauid, saying, Ahithophel *is* among the
conspirators with Absalom. And Dauid sayde, O LORD, I
pray thee turne the counsell
of

of Ahithophel into foolishnesse.

32 ¶ And it came to passe, that *when* Dauid was come to the top of *the mount*, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him, with his coat rent, and earth vpon his head :

33 Vnto whom Dauid said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden vnto me.

34 But if thou returne to the citie, and say vnto Absalom, I will be thy seruant, O king : *as I haue bene* thy fathers seruant hitherto, so will I now also be thy seruant : then mayest thou for mee defeat the counsell of Ahithophel.

35 And *hast thou* not there with thee Zadok, and Abiathar the Priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soeuer thou shalt heare out of the kings house, thou shalt tell *it* to Zadok and Abiathar the Priests.

36 Behold, *they haue* there with them their two sonnes, Ahimaaz Zadoks *sonne*, and Ionathan Abiathars *sonne* : and by them ye shall send vnto me euery thing that ye can heare.

37 So Hushai Dauids friend came into the citie, and Absalom came into Ierusalem.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Ziba by presents and false suggestions, obtaineth his masters inheritance. 5 At Bahurim Shimei curseth Dauid. 9 Dauid with patience abstaineth, and restraineth others from reuenge. 15 Hushai insinuateth himselfe into Absaloms counsaile. 20 Ahithophels counsaile.

AND when Dauid was a little past the top of *the hill*, Beholde, Ziba the seruant of Mephibosheth met him with a couple of asses saddled, and vpon them two hundred *loaues* of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottell of wine.

2 And the King saide vnto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba saide, The asses bee for the kings houshold to ride on, and the bread and summer fruit for the yong men to eate, and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness, may drinke.

3 And the king said, And where is thy masters sonne? and Ziba said vnto the king, Behold, he abideth at Ierusalem : for hee said, To day shall the

house of Israel restore mee the kingdome of my father.

4 Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained vnto Mephibosheth. And Ziba saide, †I humbly beseech thee *that* I may finde grace in thy sight, my lord, O king. † *Hebr. I doe obey-sance.*

5 ¶ And when king Daud came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei the sonne of Gera: || hee came forth, and cursed still as he came. † *Or, he still came forth and cursed.*

6 And he cast stones at Daud, and at all the seruants of king Daud: and all the people, and all the mighty men were on his right hand, and on his left.

7 And thus said Shimei when hee cursed, Come out, come out thou †bloody man, and thou man of Belial:

8 The LORD hath returned vpon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned, and the LORD hath deliuered the kingdome into the hand of Absalom thy sonne: and †behold, thou *art taken* to thy mischief, because thou *art* a bloody man. † *Hebr. man of blood.*

9 ¶ Then said Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah vnto the king, Why should this *dead dogge curse my lord the king? let mee goe ouer, I pray thee, and take off his head. † *Hebr. behold thee in thy euill.*

10 And the king said, What haue I to doe with you, ye sonnes of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because the LORD hath said vnto him, Curse Daud. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so? * 1. Sam. 24. 15. chap. 3. 8.

11 And Daud said to Abishai, and to all his seruants, Beholde, my sonne which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now *may* this Beniamite *doe it*? let him alone, and let him curse: for the LORD hath bidden him.

12 It may bee that the LORD will looke on mine ||affliction, and that the LORD will requite good for his cursing this day. † *Or, teares, Hebr. eye.*

13 And as Daud and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hilles side ouer against him, and cursed as hee went, and threw stones at him, and †cast dust.

14 And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselues there. † *Hebr. dusted him with dust.*

15 ¶ And Absalom and al the people the

the men of Israel, came to Ierusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

16 And it came to passe when Hushai the Archite, Dauids friend, was come vnto Absalom, that Hushai said vnto Absalom, †God saue the king, God saue the king.

† *Heb. let
the king
liue.*

17 And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is* this thy kindnesse to thy friend? Why wentest thou not with thy friend?

18 And Hushai said vnto Absalom, Nay, but whom the LORD and this people, and all the men of Israel chuse, his will I bee, and with him will I abide.

19 And againe, whom should I serue? should I not *serue* in the presence of his sonne? as I haue serued in thy fathers presence, so will I be in thy presence.

20 ¶ Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Giue counsell among you what we shall doe.

21 And Ahithophel said vnto Absalom, Goe in vnto thy fathers concubines, which he hath left to keepe the house, and all Israel shall heare that thou art abhorred of thy father, then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong.

22 So they spread Absalom a tent vpon the top of the house, and Absalom went in vnto his fathers concubines, in the sight of all Israel.

23 And the counsell of Ahithophel which he counselled in those dayes, was as if a man had enquired at the †Oracle of God: so *was* all the counsell of Ahithophel, both with Dauid and with Absalom.

† *Heb.
word.*

CHAP. XVII.

1 Ahithophels counsell is ouerthrowen by Hushais, according to Gods appointment. 15 Secret intelligence is sent vnto Dauid. 23 Ahithophel hangeth himselfe. 25 Amasa is made capitaine. 27 Dauid at Mahanaim is furnished with prouision.

MOreouer Ahithophel said vnto Absalom, Let mee nowe chuse out twelue thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after Dauid this night.

2 And I wil come vpon him while hee is wearie and weake handed, and wil make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee, and I will smite the king onely.

3 And I wil bring backe all the people vnto thee : the man whom thou seekest *is* as if all returned : *so* all the people shall be in peace.

4 And the saying † pleased Absalom well, and all the Elders of Israel. † *Hebr.*
was right
in the eyes
of &c.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let vs heare likewise † what he saith. † *Hebr.*
what is in
his mouth.

6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake vnto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this maner : shall we doe after his † saying? if not, speake thou. † *Heb.*
word.

7 And Hushai said vnto Absalom, The counsell that Ahithophel hath † giuen, *is* not good at this time. † *Heb.*
counselled.

8 For, (said Hushai,) thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *bee* mightie men, and they *be* † chafed in their minds, as a beare robbed of her whelps in the field : and thy father *is* a man of warre, and will not lodge with the people. † *Heb.*
bitter of
soule.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some *other* place : and it wil come to passe when some of them bee † ouer-thrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it, wil say, There is a slaughter among the people that followe Absalom. † *Heb. fal-*
len.

10 And he also *that is* valiant, whose heart *is* as the heart of a Lyon, shall vtterly melt : for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mightie man, and they which be with him *are* valiant men.

11 Therefore I counsell, that all Israel be generally gathered vnto thee, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude, and † that thou goe to battell in thine owne person. † *Heb. that*
thy face or
presence
goe, &c.

12 So shall wee come vpon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light vpon him as the dew falleth on the ground : and of him and of all the men that *are* with him, there shall not be left so much as one.

13 Moreouer, if hee be gotten into a citie, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the riuer, vntill there be not one small stone found there.

14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsell of Hushai the Archite, *is* better then the counsell of Ahithophel : For the LORD had † appointed to defeate the good counsell of † *Heb. com-*
manded.
Ahitho-

Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring euill vpon Absalom.

15 ¶ Then said Hushai vnto Zadok and to Abiathar the Priestes, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsell Absalom and the Elders of Israel, and thus and thus haue I counselled.

16 Now therefore send quickly, and tell Dauid, saying, Lodge not this night in the plaines of the wildernes, but speedily passe ouer, lest the King be swallowed vp, and all the people that are with him.

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel: (for they might not be seene to come into the citie) and a wench went and tolde them: and they went, and tolde king Dauid.

18 Neuerthelesse, a ladde saw them, and tolde Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a mans house in Bahurim, which had a Well in his court, whither they went downe.

19 And the woman tooke and spread a couering ouer the welles mouth, and spread ground corne thereon; and the thing was not knowen.

20 And when Absaloms seruants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where *is* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said vnto them, They be gone ouer the brooke of water. And when they had sought, and could not finde *them*, they returned to Ierusalem.

21 And it came to passe after they were departed, that they came vp out of the Well, and went and tolde king Dauid, and said vnto Dauid, Arise, and passe quickly ouer the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you.

22 Then Dauid arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed ouer Iordane: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone ouer Iordane.

23 ¶ And when Ahithophel sawe that his counsell was not † followed, he saddled *his* asse, and arose, and gate him home to his house, to his citie, and † put his houshold in order, and hanged himselfe, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

24 Then Dauid came to Mahanaim: and Absalom passed ouer Iordane, he and all the men of Israel with him.

† Heb.
done.

† Heb.
gaue

charge con-
cerning his
house.

25 ¶ And Absalom made Amasa captaine of the hoste in stead of Ioab : which Amasa *was* a mans sonne whose name *was* Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigal the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Iobabs mother.

26 So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 ¶ And it came to passe when Dauid was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the sonne of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the sonne of Ammiel of Lodebar, and Barzillai the Gileadite, of Rogelim,

28 Brought beds, and || basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, || *Or, cups.* and barley, and floure, and parched *corne*, & beanes, and lentiles, and parched *pulse*,

29 And honie, and butter, and sheepe, and cheese of kine for Dauid, and for the people that were with him, to eate : for they said, The people *is* hungrie, and wearie, and thirstie in the wilderness.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Dauid viewing the armies in their march, giueth them charge of Absalom. 6 The Israelites are sore smitten in the wood of Ephraim.

9 Absalom hanging in an Oke, is slaine by Ioab, and cast into a pit.

18 Absaloms place. 19 Ahimaaz and Cushie bring tidings to Dauid.

33 Dauid mourneth for Absalom.

AND Dauid numbred the people that *were* with him, and set captaines of thousands, and captaines of hundreds ouer them.

2 And Dauid sent forth a third part of the people vnder the hand of Ioab, and a third part vnder the hand of Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah Iobabs brother, and a third part vnder the hand of Ittai the Gittite : and the king said vnto the people, I will surely goe foorth with you my selfe also.

3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not goe foorth : for if we flee away, they will not care for vs, neither if halfe of vs die will they † care for vs : but now *thou art* † worth ten † *† Heb. set their heart on vs.* thousand of vs : therfore now *it is* better that thou † succour vs out of the citie. † *† Heb. as ten thousand of vs.*

4 And the King sayde vnto them, What seemeth you best, I will doe. And the King stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds, and by thousands. † *† Heb. be to succour.*

5 And the king commanded Ioab, and
Gg and

and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, *Deale* gently for my sake with the yong man, *euen* with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gaue all the captaines charge concerning Absalom.

6 ¶ So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battell was in the wood of Ephraim,

7 Where the people of Israel were slaine before the seruants of Dauid, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men*.

8 For the battell was there scattered ouer the face of all the country: and the wood †deuoured more people that day, then the sword deuoured.

† *Hebr.*
multiplied
to deuoure.

9 ¶ And Absalom met the seruants of Dauid; and Absalom rode vpon a mule, and the mule went vnder the thicke boughs of a great Oke, and his head caught hold of the Oke, and hee was taken vp betweene the heauen and the earth, and the mule that *was* vnder him, went away.

10 And a certaine man saw *it*, and told Ioab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an Oke.

11 And Ioab said vnto the man that told him, And behold, thou sawest *him*, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground, and I would haue giuen thee tenne *shekels* of siluer, and a girdle?

† *Heb.*
weigh vpon
mine hand.

12 And the man saide vnto Ioab, Though I should †receiue a thousand *shekels* of siluer in mine hand, yet would I not put foorth mine hand against the Kings sonne: for in our hearing the King charged thee, and Abishai, and Ittai, saying, †Beware that none *touch* the yong man Absalom.

† *Hebr.* *be-*
ware who-
soeuer ye
be, of &c.

13 Otherwyse, I should haue wrought falshood against mine *owne* life: for there is no matter hid from the King, and thou thy selfe wouldest haue set thy selfe against *me*.

† *Hebr.* *be-*
fore thee.

14 Then said Ioab, I may not tary thus †with thee. And hee tooke three darts in his hand, and thrust them thorow the heart of Absalom, while hee was yet alieue in the †midst of the Oke.

† *Heb.*
heart.

15 And ten yong men that bare Ioabs armour, compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

16 And Ioab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Ioab helde backe the people.

17 And they tooke Absalom, and

cast him into a great pit in the wood, and layd a very great heape of stones vpon him : and all Israel fled euery one to his tent.

18 ¶ Now Absalom in his life time had taken and reared vp for himselfe a pillar, which *is* in *the Kings dale : for hee *Gene. 14. said, I haue no sonne to keepe my name in remembrance : 17. And hee called the pillar after his owne name, and it is called vnto this day, Absaloms place.

19 ¶ Then said Ahimaaz the sonne of Zadok, Let mee now runne, and beare the King tidings, how that the LORD hath †auenged him of his enemies.

20 And Ioab said vnto him, Thou shalt not †beare tidings ^{†Hebr. iudged him from the hand &c.} this day, but thou shalt beare tidings another day : but this day thou shalt beare no tidings, because the Kings sonne is dead. ^{†Hebr. be a man of tidings.}

21 Then said Ioab to Cushi, Goe tell the King what thou hast seene. And Cushi bowed himselfe vnto Ioab, and ranne.

22 Then said Ahimaaz the sonne of Zadok yet againe to Ioab, But †howsoever, let mee, I pray thee, also runne after †Hebr. be what may. Cushi. And Ioab said, Wherefore wilt thou runne, my sonne, seeing that thou hast no tidings ||ready ? ^{||Or, conuenient.}

23 But howsoever, (*said he*) let mee runne : And hee said vnto him, Runne. Then Ahimaaz ranne by the way of the plaine, and ouerranne Cushi.

24 And Dauid sate betweene the two gates : and the watchman went vp to the roofe ouer the gate vnto the wall, and lift vp his eyes, and looked, and behold, a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the King. And the king said, If he *bee* alone, *there is* tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew neere.

26 And the watchman saw another man running, and the watchman called vnto the porter, and said, Behold, *another* man running alone. And the King said, He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, †Mee thinketh the running of †Hebr. I the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the sonne of †Hebr. I Zadok. And the King said, Hee *is* a good man, and cometh with good tidings. ^{see the running.}

28 And Ahimaaz called, and said vnto the King, ||All is ||Or, peace well. And hee fell downe to the earth vpon his face before †Hebr. be to thee. the King, and saide, Blessed *bee* the ^{peace} LORD

†*Heb. shut vp.* LORD thy God which hath †deliuered vp the men that lift vp their hande against my lord the King.

†*Hebr. Is there peace?* 29 And the king said, †Is the yong man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Ioab sent the kings seruant, and *me* thy seruant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*.

30 And the king said *vnto him*, Turne aside *and* stand here. And hee turned aside, and stood still.

†*Hebr. tidings is brought.* 31 And behold, Cushie came, and Cushie said, †Tidings my lord the king: for the LORD hath auenged thee this day of all them that rose vp against thee.

32 And the king said vnto Cushie, Is the yong man Absalom safe? And Cushie answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to doe *thee* hurt, be as that yong man is.

33 ¶ And the king was much moued, and went vp to the chamber ouer the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus hee said, O my sonne Absalom, my sonne, my sonne Absalom: would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my sonne, my sonne.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Ioab causeth the king to cease his mourning. 9 The Israelites are earnest to bring the king backe. 11 Dauid sendeth to the Priests to incite them of Iudah. 18 Shimei is pardoned. 24 Mephibosheth excused. 32 Barzillai dismissed, Chimham his sonne is taken into the Kings familie. 41 The Israelites expostulate with Iudah for bringing home the King without them.

AND it was told Ioab, Beholde, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom.

†*Heb. saluation or deliuerance.* 2 And the †victorie that day was turned into mourning vnto all the people: for the people heard say that day, how the king was grieved for his sonne.

3 And the people gate them by stealth that day into the citie, as people beeing ashamed steale away when they flee in battell.

4 But the king couered his face, and the king cried with a loud voyce, O my sonne Absalom, O Absalom my sonne, my sonne.

5 And Ioab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy seruants,

which this day haue saued thy life, and the liues of thy sonnes, & of thy daughters, and the liues of thy wiues, and the liues of thy concubines,

6 † In that thou louest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends; ^{† Heb. by louing, &c.} for thou hast declared this day, † that thou regardest neither ^{† Heb. that princes or seruants are not to thee.} princes, nor seruants: for this day I perceiue, that if Absalom had liued, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well.

7 Now therefore arise, goe foorth, and speake † comfortably vnto thy seruants: for I sweare by the LORD, if thou goe not forth, there wil not tarie one with thee this night, and that will be worse vnto thee then all the euill that befell thee from thy youth vntill now. ^{† Heb. to the heart of thy seruants.}

8 Then the King rose, and sate in the gate: and they told vnto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate: and all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled euery man to his tent.

9 ¶ And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saued vs out of the hand of our enemies, and he deliuered vs out of the hand of the Philistines, and now he is fled out of the land for Absalom.

10 And Absalom whom wee anointed ouer vs, is dead in battell: nowe therefore why † speake ye not a word of bringing the king backe? ^{† Heb. are ye silent?}

11 ¶ And King Dauid sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speake vnto the Elders of Iudah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king backe to his house? (seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, euen to his house.)

12 Yee *are* my brethren, Yee *are* my bones and my flesh: wherfore then are ye the last to bring backe the king?

13 And say ye to Amasa: *Art* thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captaine of the hoste before me continually in the roome of Ioab.

14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Iudah, euen as *the heart* of one man, so that they sent *this word* vnto the King, Returne thou and all thy seruants.

15 So the King returned, and came to Iordan: and Iudah came to Gilgal, to goe to meet the King, to conduct the king ouer Iordane.

16 ¶ And * Shimei the sonne of * 1. King.
Gg 2 Gera, 2. 8.

Gera, a Beniamite, which *wass* of Bahurim, hasted, & came downe with the men of Iudah, to meet King Dauid.

**Chap.*
16. 1. 17 And there *were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and **Ziba* the seruant of the house of Saul, and his fiftene sonnes and his twenty seruants with him, and they went ouer Iordane before the King.

†Heb. the good in his eyes. 18 And there went ouer a ferry-boat to cary ouer the kings houshold, and to doe *†*what he thought good: and Shimei the sonne of Gera fell downe before the king as he was come ouer Iordane;

**Chap.* 16.
15. 19 And said vnto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquitie vnto me, neither do thou remember that which thy seruant did peruersly the day that my lord the king **went* out of Ierusalem, that the king should take it to his heart.

20 For thy seruant doeth know that I haue sinned: therefore behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Ioseph, to goe downe to meete my lord the king.

21 But Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah answered, and sayd, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because hee cursed the LORDS Anointed?

22 And Dauid said, What haue I to doe with you, yee sonnes of Zeruiah, that yee should this day be aduersaries vnto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for doe not I know, that I *am* this day King ouer Israel?

23 Therefore the king said vnto Shimei, Thou shalt not die: and the King sware vnto him.

24 ¶ And Mephibosheth the sonne of Saul came downe to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feete, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the King departed, vntill the day hee came againe in peace.

25 And it came to passe when he was come to Ierusalem to meete the King, that the King sayd vnto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth?

26 And hee answered, My lord O king, my seruant deceiued mee; for thy seruant sayd, I will saddle me an asse that I may ride thereon, and goe to the king, because thy seruant is lame:

**Chap.*
16. 3. 27 And **hee* hath slandered thy seruant vnto my lord the king, but my lord

the King *is* as an Angel of God : doe therefore what *is* good in thine eyes.

28 For all of my fathers house were but †dead men before my lord the king: yet diddest thou set thy seruant among them that did eate at thine owne table: what right therefore haue I yet to crie any more vnto the king? †*Heb. men of death.*

29 And the king said vnto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I haue said, Thou and Ziba diuide the land.

30 And Mephibosheth said vnto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lorde the king is come againe in peace vnto his owne house.

31 ¶ And Barzillai the Gileadite came downe from Rogelim, and went ouer Iordane with the king, to conduct him ouer Iordane.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *euen* fourescore yeeres olde, and *he had prouided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim: for he *was* a very great man. *Chap. 17. 27.

33 And the king said vnto Barzillai, Come thou ouer with me, and I will feede thee with me in Ierusalem.

34 And Barzillai sayde vnto the king, †How long haue I to liue, that I should goe vp with the King vnto Ierusalem? †*How many dayes are the*

35 I *am* this day fourescore yeeres olde: *and* can I discerne betweene good and euill? Can thy seruant taste what I *my life?* eate, or what I drinke? can I heare any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherfore then should thy seruant bee yet a burden vnto my lord the king?

36 Thy seruant will goe a little way ouer Iordane with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

37 Let thy seruant, I pray thee, turne backe againe, that I may die in mine owne citie, and *be buried* by the graue of my father, and of my mother: but behold thy seruant Chimham, let him go ouer with my lord the king, and doe to him what shall seeme good vnto thee.

38 And the king answered, Chimham shal goe ouer with me, and I will doe to him that which shall seeme good vnto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt †require of me, that will I *†Heb. chuse.* doe for thee.

39 And all the people went ouer Iordane: and when the king was come ouer,

ouer, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him, and he returned vnto his owne place.

40 Then the King went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Iudah conducted the king, and also halfe the people of Israel.

41 ¶ And behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said vnto the king, Why haue our brethren the men of Iudah stollen thee away, and haue brought the King and his houshold, and all Dauids men with him, ouer Iordane?

42 And all the men of Iudah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is neere of kinne to vs: wherefore then be ye angrie for this matter? Haue we eaten at all of the kings cost? or hath he giuen vs any gift?

43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Iudah, and said, Wee haue ten parts in the king, and we haue also more

† *Hebr. set vs at light.* right in Dauid then yee: why then did yee † despise vs, that our aduice should not be first had in bringing backe our king? And the wordes of the men of Iudah were fiercer then the words of the men of Israel.

CHAP. XX.

1 By occasion of the quarrell, Sheba maketh a party in Israel. 3 Dauids ten concubines are shut vp in perpetual prison. 4 Amasa made captaine ouer Iudah, is slaine by Ioab. 14 Ioab pursueth Sheba vnto Abel. 16 A wise woman saueth the citie by Shebaes head. 23 Dauids Officers.

ANd there happened to bee there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba the sonne of Bichri, a Beniamite, & hee blew a trumpet, and said, Wee haue no part in Dauid, neither haue we inheritance in the sonne of Iesse: euery man to his tents, O Israel.

2 So euery man of Israel went vp from after Dauid, and followed Sheba the sonne of Bichri: but the men of Iudah claue vnto their king, from Iordane euen to Ierusalem.

3 ¶ And Dauid came to his house at Ierusalem, and the king tooke the ten women his *concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in † ward, and fed them, but went not in

* Chap. 16.
22.
† *Hebr. a house of ward.*

vnto them: so they were †shut vp vnto the day of their death, †liuing in widowhood.

†Hebr. bound.

4 ¶ Then said the king to Amasa, †Assemble me the men of Iudah within three dayes, and be thou here present.

†Hebr. in widowhood of life.

5 So Amasa went to assemble the men of Iudah; but hee taried longer then the set time which he had appointed him.

†Hebr. call.

6 And Dauid said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the sonne of Bichri doe vs more harme then did Absalom: take thou thy lords seruants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and †escape vs.

7 And there went out after him Ioabs men, and the *Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Ierusalem, to pursue after Sheba the sonne of Bichri.

†Hebr. deliuer himselfe from our eyes.

*Chap. 8. 18.

8 When they *were* at the great stone which *is* in Gibeon, Amasa went before them: and Ioabs garment that he had put on, was girded vnto him, and vpon it a girdle *with* a sword fastned vpon his loynes in the sheath thereof, and as hee went forth, it fell out.

9 And Ioab saide to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother? And Ioab tooke Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kisse him.

10 But Amasa tooke no heed to the sword that *was* in Ioabs hand: so hee smote him therewith in the fifth *rib*, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and †strake him not againe, and he died: so Ioab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the sonne of Bichri.

†Hebr. doubled not his stroke.

11 And one of Ioabs men stood by him, and said, He that fauoureth Ioab, and hee that *is* for Dauid, *let him goe* after Ioab.

12 And Amasa wallowed in blood in the mids of the high way: and when the man saw that all the people stood still, he remoued Amasa out of the high way into the field, and cast a cloth vpon him, when hee saw that euery one that came by him, stood still.

13 When he was remoued out of the high way, all the people went on after Ioab, to pursue after Sheba the sonne of Bichri.

14 ¶ And hee went thorow all the tribes of Israel vnto Abel, and to Bethmaachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him.

|| Or, it stood against the outmost wall
† Heb. marred to throw downe.

15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast vp a banke against the citie, and ||it stood in the trench: and all the people that *were* with Ioab, †battered the wall, to throw *it* downe.

16 ¶ Then cried a wise woman out of the citie, Heare, heare; say, I pray you, vnto Ioab, Come neere hither, that I may speake with thee.

17 And when he was come neere vnto her, the woman said, *Art* thou Ioab? And he answered, *I am he*: Then shee said vnto him, Heare the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I doe heare.

|| Or, They plainly spake in the beginning, saying, surely they will aske of Abel, and so make an end

18 Then she spake, saying, ||They were wont to speake in old time, saying, They shall surely aske counsell at Abel: and so they ended *the matter*.

19 *I am* one of them that are peaceable *and* faithfull in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a citie, and a mother in Israel: Why wilt thou swallow vp the inheritance of the LORD?

† Heb. by his name.

20 And Ioab answered and saide, Farre be it, farre be it from me, that I should swallow vp or destroy.

21 The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephraim (Sheba the sonne of Bichri †by name) hath lift vp his hand against the king, *euen* against Dauid: deliuer him onely, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said vnto Ioab, Behold, his head shall be throwen to thee ouer the wall.

† Heb. were scattered.

22 Then the woman went vnto all the people in her wisdom, and they cut off the head of Sheba the sonne of Bichri, and cast *it* out to Ioab: and hee blew a trumpet, and they †retired from the citie, euery man to his tent: & Ioab returned to Ierusalem vnto the king.

* Chap. 8. 16.

23 ¶ Now *Ioab *was* ouer all the hoste of Israel, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada *was* ouer the Cherethites, and ouer the Pelethites.

|| Or, remembrancer

24 And Adoram *was* ouer the tribute, and Iehoshaphat the sonne of Ahilud *was* ||Recorder.

25 And Sheua *was* scribe, and Zadok, and Abiathar *were* the Priests.

|| Or, a prince.

26 And Ira also the Iairite, was ||a chiefe ruler about Dauid.

CHAP. XXI.

1 The three yeeres famine for the Gibeonites, cease, by hanging seuen of Sauls sonnes. 10 Rizpahs kindnes vnto the dead. 12 Dauid

burieth the bones of Saul and Jonathan in his fathers sepulchre.

15 Foure battels against the Philistines, wherein foure valiants of Dauid slay foure gyants.

THen there was a famine in the dayes of Dauid three yeeres, yeere after yeere, and Dauid †enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, *It is for Saul, and for his bloodie house, because he slew the Gibeonites.* *† Heb. sought the face &c.*

2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said vnto them, (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but *of the remnant of the Amorites, and the children of Israel had sworne vnto them: and Saul sought to slay them, in his zeale to the children of Israel and Iudah) ** Iosh. 9. 3. 16, 17.*

3 Wherefore Dauid said vnto the Gibeonites, What shall I doe for you? and wherwith shall I make the atonement, that ye may blesse the inheritance of the LORD?

4 And the Gibeonites saide vnto him, ||We will haue no siluer nor golde of Saul, nor of his house, neither for vs shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What you shall say, *that* will I doe for you. *|| Or, It is not siluer or gold that we haue to doe with Saul or his house, neither pertaines it to vs to kill &c.*

5 And they answered the king, The man that consumed vs, and that ||deuised against vs, *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel, *|| Or, cut vs off.*

6 Let seuen men of his sonnes bee deliuered vnto vs, and wee will hang them vp vnto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, ||whome the LORD did chuse. And the king said, I will giue them. *|| Or, chosen of the Lord. * 1. Sam. 18 3. and 20. 8, 42.*

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth the sonne of Jonathan the sonne of Saul, because of the *LORDS othe that was between them, betweene Dauid, and Jonathan the sonne of Saul.

8 But the king tooke the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare vnto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth, and the fīue sonnes of ||Michal the daughter of Saul, whome she †brought vp for Adriel the sonne of Barzillai the Meholathite. *|| Or, Michals sister. † Heb. bare to Adriel.*

9 And hee deliuered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the LORD: and they fell all seuen together, and were put to death in the dayes of harvest,

uest, in the first *dayes*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

* Chap. 3. 7. 10 ¶ And *Rizpah the daughter of Aiah tooke sackcloth, and spread it for her vpon the rocke, from the beginning of harvest, vntill water dropped vpon them out of heauen, and suffered neither the birds of the aire to rest on them by day, nor the beastes of the felde by night.

11 And it was tolde Dauid what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah the concubine of Saul had done.

12 ¶ And Dauid went and tooke the bones of Saul, and the bones of Ionathan his sonne from the men of Iabesh Gilead, which had stollen them from the street of Bethshan where the *Philistines had hanged them, when the Philistines had slaine Saul in Gilboa.

* 1. Sam.
31. 10.

13 And hee brought vp from thence the bones of Saul, and the bones of Ionathan his sonne, and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.

14 And the bones of Saul and Ionathan his sonne buried they in the countrey of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they perfourmed all that the king commanded: and after that, God was entreated for the land.

15 ¶ Moreouer, the Philistines had yet warre againe with Israel, and Dauid went down, and his seruants with him, and fought against the Philistines, and Dauid waxed faint.

¶ Or,
Rapha.
† Heb. the
staffe, or
the head.

16 And Ishbi-benob which *was* of the sonnes of ¶ the gyant, (the weight of whose †speare weighed three hundred shekels of brasse in weight) he being girded with a new *sword*, thought to haue slaine Dauid.

17 But Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of Dauid sware vnto him, saying, Thou shalt goe no more out with vs to battell, that thou quench not the †light of Israel.

† Heb.
candle, or
lampe
* 1. Chron.
20. 4.
¶ Or,
Rapha.

18 * And it came to passe after this, that there was againe a battell with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sonnes of ¶ the Gyant.

19 And there was againe a battell in Gob, with the Philistines, where Elhanan the sonne of Iaare-Oregim a Bethle-hemite, slewe **the brother of Go-*

* See 1.
Chro. 20.
5.

liath the Gittite, the staffe of whose speare *was* like a weauers beame.

20 And there was yet a battell in Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, that had on euery hand sixe fingers, and on euery foote sixe toes, foure and twenty in number, and he also was borne to ||the Gyant.

21 And when he ||defied Israel, Jonathan the sonne of *Shimea the brother of Dauid, slew him.

22 These foure were borne to the Gyant in Gath, and fell by the hand of Dauid, and by the hand of his seruants.

|| Or,
Rapha.
|| Or,
reproched.
* 1. Sam.
16. 9.

CHAP. XXII.

A Psalme of thankesgiuing for Gods powerfull deliuerance, and manifold blessings.

AND Dauid spake vnto the LORD the wordes of this song, in the day *that* the LORD had deliuered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul.

2 And he said, *The LORD *is* my rocke and my fortresse, and my deliuerer: * Psal. 18. 2. &c.

3 The God of my rocke, in him will I trust: hee *is* my shield, and the horne of my saluation, my high tower, and my refuge, my Sauour; thou sauest me from violence.

4 I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saued from mine enemies.

5 When the ||waues of death compassed me: the floods of || Or, pangz.
†vngodly men made me afraid.

6 The ||sorowes of Hell compassed me about: the snares of death preuented me. † Heb. Belial.

7 In my distresse I called vpon the LORD, and cryed to my God, and hee did heare my voice out of his Temple, and my crie *did enter* into his eares. || Or, coards.

8 Then the earth shooke and trembled: the foundations of heauen mooued and shooke, because hee was wroth.

9 There went vp a smoake †out of his nostrils, and fire out † Heb. by. of his mouth deuoured: coales were kindled by it.

10 Hee bowed the heauens also and came downe: and darkenesse *was* vnder his feete.

II And

11 And he rode vpon a Cherub, and did flie: and hee was seene vpon the wings of the winde.

† *Hebr. binding of waters.* 12 And hee made darknesse pauillions round about him, †darke waters, *and* thicke clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightnesse before him, were coales of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundred from heauen: and the most high vttered his voice.

15 And he sent out arrowes, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them.

16 And the channels of the Sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discouered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He sent from aboue, he tooke me: he drew me out of || *Or, great.* || many waters.

18 He deliuered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated mee: for they were too strong for me.

19 They preuented me in the day of my calamitie: but the LORD was my stay.

20 Hee brought me forth also into a large place: he deliuered me, because hee delighted in me.

21 The LORD rewarded mee according to my righteousness: according to the cleannesse of my hands, hath hee recompensed me.

22 For I haue kept the wayes of the LORD, and haue not wickedly departed from my God.

23 For all his iudgements *were* before me: and as for his Statutes, I did not depart from them.

† *Hebr. to him.* 24 I was also vpriht †before him: and haue kept my selfe from mine iniquitie.

† *Hebr. before his eyes.* 25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me, according to my righteousness: according to my cleannesse †in his eye sight.

26 With the merciful thou wilt shew thy selfe mercifull, *and* with the vpriht man thou wilt shew thy selfe vpriht.

27 With the pure thou wilt shew thy selfe pure: and with the froward, thou wilt ||shew thy selfe vnsauoury.

ps. 18. 27. 28 And the afflicted people thou wilt saue: but thine eyes *are* vpon the hautie, *that* thou mayest bring *them* downe.

29 For thou *art* my ||lampe, O LORD: and the LORD wil lighten my darknesse.

|| *Or, wrestle.*
|| *Or, candle.*
|| *Or, broken a troupe.*

30 For by thee I haue ||run through a troupe: by my God haue I leaped ouer a wall.

31 As for God, his way is perfect, the word of the LORD is ||tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

|| Or,
refined.

32 For who *is* God, saue the LORD? and who *is* a rocke, saue our God?

33 God is my strength *and* powcr: and he †maketh my way perfect.

† Hebr.
riddeth, or,
looseth.
† Heb.
equalleth.

34 Hee †maketh my feet like hindes *feet*: and setteth mee vpon my high places.

35 He teacheth my hands †to warre: so that a bow of steele is broken by mine armes.

† Hebr. for
the warre.

36 Thou hast also giuen mee the shield of thy saluation: and thy gentlenesse †hath made me great.

† Hebr.
multiplied
me.

37 Thou hast enlarged my steps vnder me: so that my †feet did not slip.

† Hebr.
anckles.

38 I haue pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them: and turned not againe vntill I had consumed them.

39 And I haue consumed them and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen vnder my feet.

40 For thou hast girded mee with strength to battel: them that rose vp against me, hast thou †subdued vnder me.

† Hebr.
caused to
bow.

41 Thou hast also giuen mee the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

42 They looked, but there was none to saue: *euen* vnto the LORD, but he answered them not.

43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth: I did stampe them as the myre of the street, *and* did spread them abroad.

44 Thou also hast deliuered mee from the striuings of my people, thou hast kept mee *to be* head of the heathen: a people which I knew not, shall serue me.

45 †Strangers shall ||submit themselues vnto me: as soone as they heare, they shall be obedient vnto me.

† Hebr.
sonnes of
the stran-
ger.

46 Strangers shall fade away: and they shall bee afraid out of their close places.

|| Or, yeeld
fained obe-
dience.

47 The LORD liueth, and blessed *be* my rocke: and exalted be the God of the rocke of my saluation.

Heb. lye.

48 It *is* God that †auengeth mee, and *that* bringeth downe the people vnder me:

† Hebr.

giueth
auenge-
ment for
me.

49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: thou also hast lifted mee

vp

vp on high above them that rose vp against me: thou hast deliuered me from the violent man.

50 Therefore I will giue thanks vnto thee, O LORD, among *the heathen: and I will sing praises vnto thy Name.

9 51 He is the towre of saluation for his king: and sheweth

* Cha. 7. mercy to his Anointed, vnto Dauid, and *to his seede for
13 euermore.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid in his last words, professeth his faith in Gods promises to be beyond sence or experience. 6 The different state of the wicked.

8 A catalogue of Dauids mightie men.

NOwe these bee the last words of Dauid: Dauid the sonne of Iesse saide, and the man who was raised vp on high, the Anointed of the God of Iacob, and the sweet Psalmist of Israel, said,

2 The spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word *was* in my tongue.

3 The God of Israel said, the Rocke of Israel spake to me: || Or, *be thou ruler,* &c. || he that ruleth ouer men *must be* iust, ruling in the feare of God:

4 And *he shall be* as the light of the morning, *when* the Sunne riseth, *euen* a morning, without cloudes; *as* the tender grasse *springing* out of the earth by cleare shining after raine:

5 Although my house be not so with God: yet he hath made with mee an euerlasting couenant, ordred in al things and sure: for *this is* all my saluation, and all *my* desire, although he make it not to grow.

6 ¶ But *the sonnes* of Belial *shall bee* all of them as thornes thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands,

7 But the man *that* shal touch them, must be † fenced vther yron, and the staffe of a speare, and they shall bee vtterly burnt with fire in the *same* place.

† Heb. || Or, Ioshebbassebet the Tachmonite head of the three. || See 1. chr. 11. 11. 8 ¶ These *be* the names of the mightie men whome Dauid had: || The Tachmonite that sate in the seat, chiefe among the captaines, (the same *was* Adino the Eznite:) || *bee lift* vp his speare against eight hundred, † whom he slew at one time.

† Heb. 9 And after him *was* * Eleazar the sonne of Dodo the slaine. * 1. Chron. 11. 12. Ahohite, *one* of the three mightie men with Dauid, when they defied the Philistines *that* were

there gathered together to battell, and the men of Israel were gone away.

10 He arose, and smote the Philistines vntill his hand was wearie, and his hand claue vnto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victorie that day, and the people returned after him onely to spoile.

11 And after him *was* *Shammah the sonne of Agee the Hararite: and the Philistines were gathered together ||into a troupe, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. ^{* 1. Chron. 11. 27. || Or, for forraging.}

12 But hee stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slewe the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victorie.

13 And ||three of the thirtie chiefe went downe and came to Dauid in the haruest time, vnto the caue of Adullam: and the troupe of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. ^{|| Or, the three captaines ouer the thirtie.}

14 And Dauid *was* then in an holde, and the garison of the Philistines *was* then in Bethlehem.

15 And Dauid longed, and said, Oh that one would giue mee drinke of the water of the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate.

16 And the three mightie men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the Well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and tooke *it*, and brought *it* to Dauid: neuerthelesse he would not drinke thereof, but powred it out vnto the LORD.

17 And he said, Be it farre from me, O LORD, that I should doe this: *is* not this the blood of the men that went in ieopardie of their liues? therefore he would not drinke it. These things did these three mightie men.

18 And *Abishai the brother of Ioab, the sonne of Zeruiah, was chiefe among three, and he lift vp his speare against three hundred, †and slew *them*, and had the name among three. ^{* 1. Chron. 11. 20. † Heb. slaine.}

19 Was hee not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captaine: howbeit, hee attained not vnto the *first* three.

20 And Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada the sonne of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, †who had done many actes, he slew two ||lion-like men of Moab: hee went downe also, and slewe a Lyon in the midst of a pit in time of snow. ^{† Heb. great of acts. † Hebr. lion of God.}

21 And

† *Heb. a man of countenance or sight: called*
1. Chro. 11. 23. a man of great stature.
|| Or, honourable among the thirtie.
|| Or, Council: Heb. at his command
** Chap. 2. 18.*
** 1. Chron. 11. 27.*
|| Or, valleys.

21 And he slew an Egyptian † a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a speare in his hand; but he went downe to him with a staffe, and plucked the speare out of the Egyptians hand, and slewe him with his owne speare.

22 These things did Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and had the name among three mightie men.

23 Hee was || more honourable then the thirtie, but hee attained not to the *first* three: and Dauid set him ouer his || guard.

24 * Asahel the brother of Ioab *was* one of the thirtie: Elhanan the sonne of Dodo of Bethlehem,

25 Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite,

26 Helez the * Paltite, Ira the sonne of Ikesh the Tekoite,

27 Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

29 Heleb the sonne of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the sonne of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin.

30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the || brookes of Gaash,

31 Abialbon the Arbathite, Azmaueh the Barhumite,

32 Elihaba the Shaalbonite: of the sonnes of Iashen, Ionathan,

33 Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the sonne of Sharar the Hararite,

34 Eliphelet the sonne of Ahasbai, the sonne of the Maachathite, Eliam the sonne of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the sonne of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, armour-bearer to Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah,

38 Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

39 Uriah the Hittite: thirtie and seuen in all.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Dauid tempted by Satan, forceth Ioab to number the people. 5 The captaines in nine moneths and twentie dayes, bring the muster of eleuen thousand fighting men. 10 Dauid hauing three plagues propounded by Gad, repenteth, and chuseth the three dayes pestilence.

15 After the death of threescore

and ten thousand, Dauid by repentance preuenteth the destruction of Ierusalem. 18 Dauid, by Gads direction purchaseth Araunahs threshing-floore, where hauing sacrificed, the plague stayeth.

AND againe the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and || hee moued Dauid against them, to say, *|| Satan. See*
Goe, number Israel and Iudah.

2 For the king said to Ioab the captaine of the hoste, which *1. Chron. 21. 1.*
was with him, || Goe now through all the tribes of Israel, *|| Or, com-*
from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, *|| passe.*
that I may know the number of the people.

3 And Ioab sayde vnto the King, Now the LORD thy God adde vnto the people (how many soeuer they be) an hundred folde, and that the eyes of my lord the king may see it: but why doeth my lord the king delight in this thing?

4 Notwithstanding, the kings word preuailed against Ioab, and against the captaines of the hoste: and Ioab and the captaines of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.

5 ¶ And they passed ouer Iordane, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the citie that *lieth* in the midst of the || riuier *|| Or, valley.*
of Gad, and toward Iazer.

6 Then they came to Gilead, and to the || land of Tah- *|| Or, nether*
tim-Hodshi; and they came to Dan-Iaan, and about to *land newly*
Zidon, *inhabited.*

7 And came to the strong holde of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hiuites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the South of Iudah, *euen to Beer-sheba.*

8 So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Ierusalem at the ende of nine moneths, and twentie dayes.

9 And Ioab gaue vp the summe of the number of the people vnto the king, and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drewe the sword: and the men of Iudah were fue hundred thousand men.

10 ¶ And Dauids heart smote him, after that hee had numbred the people: and Dauid sayde vnto the LORD, I haue sinned greatly in that I haue done: and nowe I beseech thee,

O LORD, take away the iniquitie of thy

thy seruant, for I haue done very foolishly.

11 For when Dauid was vp in the morning, the word of the LORD came vnto the Prophet Gad Dauids Seer, saying,

12 Goe and say vnto Dauid, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three things; chuse thee one of them, that I may doe it vnto thee.

13 So Gad came to Dauid, and told him, and said vnto him, Shall seuen yeeres of famine come vnto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three moneths before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three dayes pestilence in thy land? Now aduise, and see what answere I shall returne to him that sent me.

14 And Dauid saide vnto Gad, I am in a great strait: let vs fall now into the hand of the LORD (for his mercies are || great,) and let me not fall into the hand of man.

|| Or,
many.

15 ¶ So the LORD sent a pestilence vpon Israel, from the morning, euen to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan euen to Beersheba, seuentie thousand men.

* 1. Sam.
15. 11.

16 And when the Angel stretched out his hand vpon Ierusalem to destroy it, * the LORD repented him of the euill, and said to the Angel that destroyed the people, It is ynough: stay now thine hand. And the Angel of the LORD was by the threshing place of Araunah the Iebusite.

17 And Dauid spake vnto the LORD when he saw the Angel that smote the people, and said, Loe, I haue sinned, and I haue done wickedly: but these sheepe, what haue they done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, be against mee,

and against my fathers house.

18 ¶ And Gad came that day to Dauid, and said vnto him, Goe vp, reare an Altar vnto the LORD, in the threshing floore of Araunah the Iebusite.

19 And Dauid, according to the saying of Gad, went vp, as the LORD commanded.

20 And Araunah looked, and saw the King and his seruants comming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himselfe before the King on his face vpon the ground.

21 And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the King come to his seruant? and Dauid saide, To buy the threshing floore of thee, to build an Altar vnto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

22 And Araunah said vnto Dauid, Let my lord the King take and offer vp what seemeth good vnto him: Beholde, *here be* oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments, and *other* instruments of the oxen for wood.

23 All these things did Araunah, *as* a king, giue vnto the King: and Araunah saide vnto the King, The LORD thy God accept thee.

24 And the King said vnto Araunah, Nay, but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings vnto the LORD my God, of that which doeth cost mee nothing. So Dauid bought the threshing floore, and the oxen, for fiftie shekels of siluer.

25 And Dauid built there an Altar vnto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings: so the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

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CHAP. I.

1 Abishag cherisheth Dauid in his extreame age. 5 Adonijah, Dauids dearling, vsurpeth the kingdome. 11 By the counsel of Nathan, 15 Bath-sheba moueth the king, 22 and Nathan secondeth her. 28 Dauid reneweth his oath to Bath-sheba. 32 Salomon by Dauids appointment, beeing annointed King by Zadok and Nathan, the people triumph. 41 Ionathan, bringing these newes, Adonijahs guests flie. 50 Adonijah flying to the hornes of the Altar, vpon his good behaiour is dismissed by Solomon.

† *Hebr. entred into dayes.*
 † *Heb. let them seeke.*
 † *Hebr. a damsell, a virgine.*
 † *Heb. be a cherisher vnto him.*

NOW King Dauid was olde, and †stricken in yeeres, and they couered him with clothes, but hee gate no heate.

2 Wherefore his seruants said vnto him, †Let there be sought for my lord the king †a yong virgin, and let her stand before the King, and let her †cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosome, that my lord the King may get heate.

3 So they sought for a faire damosel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the King.

4 And the damosell was very faire, and cherished the king, and ministred to him: but the king knew her not.

5 ¶ Then Adonijah the sonne of Haggith exalted himselfe, saying, I wil †be king: And he prepared him charets and horesemen, and fiftie men to runne before him.

6 And his father had not displeased him †at any time, in saying, Why hast thou done so? And hee also *was* a very goodly man, and *his mother* bare him after Absalom.

† *Heb. reigne*

† *Heb. from his dayes.*

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7 And hee † conferred with Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the Priest: and they following Adonijah, † helped *him.* *† Heb. his words were with Ioab.*

8 But Zadok the Priest, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and Nathan the Prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mightie men which *belonged* to Dauid, were not with Adonijah. *† Heb. helped after Adonijah.*

9 And Adonijah slew sheepe, and oxen, and fat cattell, by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is* by || En-Rogel, and called all his brethren the kings sonnes, and all the men of Iudah the kings seruants. *|| Or, the well Rogel.*

10 But Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah, and the mightie men, and Solomon his brother he called not.

11 ¶ Wherefore Nathan spake vnto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of * Haggith doth reigne, and Dauid our lord knoweth *it* not? ** 2. Sam.*

12 Now therefore come, let mee, I pray thee, giue thee counsell, that thou mayest saue thine owne life, and the life of thy sonne Solomon. *3. 4.*

13 Goe, and get thee in vnto King Dauid, and say vnto him, Diddest not thou, my lord, O king, sweare vnto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy sonne shall reigne after mee, and he shall sit vpon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reigne?

14 Beholde, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and † confirme thy words. *† Heb. fill vp.*

15 ¶ And Bath-sheba went in vnto the King into the chamber: and the king was very olde, and Abishag the Shunammite ministred vnto the king.

16 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeysance vnto the king: and the king said, † What wouldest thou?

17 And she said vnto him, My lord, *† Heb. what to thee?*
thou

thou swarest by the LORD thy God vnto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy sonne shall reigne after me, and he shall sit vpon my throne:

18 And now behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now my lord the king, thou knowest *it* not.

19 And he hath slaine oxen, and fat cattell, and sheepe in abundance, and hath called all the sonnes of the king, and Abiathar the Priest, and Ioab the captaine of the hoste: but Solomon thy seruant hath he not called.

20 And thou, my lord O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* vpon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him.

21 Otherwise it shall come to passe, when my lord the king shal sleepe with his fathers, that I and my sonne Solomon shall be counted †offenders.

† *Hebr.*
sinner.

22 ¶ And loe, while shee yet talked with the king, Nathan the Prophet also came in.

23 And they tolde the king, saying, Beholde Nathan the Prophet. And when hee was come in before the king, he bowed himselfe before the king with his face to the ground.

24 And Nathan said, My lord O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reigne after mee, and hee shall sit vpon my throne?

25 For hee is gone downe this day, and hath slaine oxen, and fat cattell, and sheepe in abundance, and hath called all the kings sonnes, and the captaines of the host, and Abiathar the Priest: and behold, they eate and drinke before him, and say, †God saue king Adonijah.

† *Hebr.*
Let king
Adonijah
liue.

26 But me, *euen* me thy seruant, and Zadok the Priest, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and thy seruant Solomon hath he not called.

27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed it vnto thy seruant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king, after him?

† *Hebr.*
before the
king.

28 ¶ Then king Dauid answered, and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came †into the kings presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, As the LORD liueth, that hath redeemed my soule out of all distresse,

30 Euen as I sware vnto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy sonne shall reigne

after me, and he shal sit vpon my throne in my stead; euen so wil I certainly doe this day.

31 Then Bathsheba bowed with *her* face to the earth, and did reuerence to the king, and said, Let my lord king Dauid liue for euer.

32 ¶ And king Dauid said, Call me Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also saide vnto them, Take with you the seruants of your lord, and cause Solomon my sonne to ride vpon †mine owne mule, and bring him downe to Gihon.

† *Heb.*
which be-
longeth to
me.

34 And let Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, anoint him there King ouer Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God saue King Solomon.

35 Then ye shall come vp after him, that hee may come and sit vpon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I haue appointed him to be ruler ouer Israel, and ouer Iudah.

36 And Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada answered the King, and said, Amen: The LORD God of my lord the king say so *too*.

37 As the LORD hath bene with my lord the King, euen so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater then the throne of my lord King Dauid.

38 So Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went downe, and caused Solomon to ride vpon King Dauids mule, and brought him to Gihon.

39 And Zadok the Priest tooke an horne of oile out of the Tabernacle, and anointed Solomon: and they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, God saue King Solomon.

40 And all the people came vp after him, and the people piped with ¶pipes, and reioyced with great ioy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

¶ *Or,*
flutes.

41 ¶ And Adonijah and all the ghests that *were* with him, heard it as they had made an end of eating: and when Ioab heard the sound of the trumpet, hee said, Wherefore *is* this noise of the citie, being in an vproare?

42 And while hee yet spake, behold, Ionathan the sonne of Abiathar the Priest

Priest came, and Adoniah sayde vnto him, Come in, for thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Ionathan answered, and said to Adoniah, Verily our lorde king Dauid hath made Solomon king.

44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet, and Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they haue caused him to ride vpon the kings mule.

45 And Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet haue anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come vp from thence reioycing, so that the citie rang againe: this is the noyse that yee haue heard.

46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdome.

47 And moreouer, the kings seruants came to blesse our lorde king Dauid, saying, God make the name of Solomon better then thy name, and make his throne greater then thy throne. And the king bowed himselfe vpon the bed.

48 And also thus sayde the King, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which hath giuen *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes euen seeing *it*.

49 And all the guests that were with Adoniah, were afraid, and rose vp, and went euery man his way.

50 ¶ And Adoniah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the hornes of the Altar.

51 And it was tolde Solomon, saying, Behold, Adoniah feareth King Solomon: for loe, he hath caught hold on the hornes of the Altar, saying, Let King Solomon sweare vnto mee to day, that hee will not slay his seruant with the sword.

52 And Solomon sayd, If hee will shewe himselfe a worthy man, there shall not an haire of him fall to the earth: but if wickednesse shall be found in him, he shall die.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him downe from the Altar, and hee came and bowed himselfe to king Solomou: and Solomon sayde vnto him, Goe to thine house.

CHAP. II.

1 Dauid hauing giuen a charge to Solomon, 3 of religiousnesse, 5 of Ioab, 7 of Barzillai, 8 of Sh'mei, 10 dieth. 12 Solomon succeedeth.

13 Adoniah, mouing Bath-sheba

to sue vnto Solomon for Abishag, is put to death. 26 Abiathar hauing his life giuen him, is depriued of the Priesthood. 28 Ioab fleeing to the hornes of the Altar, is there slaine. 35 Benaiah is put in Ioabs rounge, and Zadok in Abiathars. 36 Shimei confined to Ierusalem, by occasion of going thence to Gath, is put to death.

NOW the dayes of Dauid drew nigh, that he should die, and he charged Solomon his sonne, saying;

2 I goe the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thy selfe a man.

3 And keepe the charge of the LORD thy God, to walke in his wayes, to keepe his Statutes, *and* his Commandements, & his Iudgements, and his Testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that thou mayest *||prosper * Deut. 29. 9. iosh. 1. 7. in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thy selfe: || Or, doe wisely.

4 That the LORD may continue his word which hee spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heede to their way, to walke before mee in trueth, with all their heart, and with all their soule, *there shall not † faile thee (sayd hee) a * 2. Sam. 7. 12. † Heb. man on the throne of Israel. be cut off from thee

5 Moreouer thou knowest also what Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah did to mee, *and* what he did to the two captaines of the hostes of Israel, vnto *Abner the sonne of Ner, and vnto *Amasa the sonne of Iether, whom hee slewe, and †shed from the throne. the blood of warre in peace, and put the blood of warre vpon his girdle that *was* about his loynes, and in his shooes that *were* on his feet. * 2. Sam. 3. 27. † Heb. put.

6 Doe therefore according to thy wisdome, and let not his hoare head goe downe to the graue in peace.

7 But shewe kindnesse vnto the sonnes of *Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eate at thy table: * 2. Sam. 19. 31. for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

8 And behold, thou *hast* with thee *Shimei the sonne of Gera, a Beniamite of Bahurim, which cursed mee with a †griuous curse, in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but hee came downe to meete me at Iordane, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, *I will not put thee to death with the sword. * 2. Sam. 16. 5. † Heb. strong

9 Nowe therefore holde him not guiltlesse:

guiltlesse: for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to doe vnto him, but his hoare head bring thou downe to the graue with blood.

* Act 2. 10 So * Dauid slept with his fathers, and was buried in the
29. and 13. citie of Dauid.

36. 11 And the dayes that Dauid *raigned ouer Israel, *were*
* 2. Sam. 11 And the dayes that Dauid *raigned ouer Israel, *were*
5. 4 fourty yeeres: seuen yeeres raigned hee in Hebron, and
1. chron. thirty and three yeeres raigned hee in Ierusalem.

29 26, 27. 12 ¶ * Then sate Solomon vpon the throne of Dauid his
* 2. Chron. father, and his kingdome was established greatly.
29. 23.

13 ¶ And Adonijah the sonne of Haggith came to Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, and she said, Comcest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.

14 He said moreouer, I haue somewhat to say vnto thee. And she saide, Say on.

15 And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdome was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should raigne: howbeit the kingdome is turned about, and is become my brothers: for it was his from the LORD.

† Heb. 16 And now I aske one petition of thee, † deny me not.
turne not away my face. And she saide vnto him, Say on.

17 And hee saide, Speake, I pray thee, vnto Solomon the king (for hee will not say thee nay) that he giue me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bathsheba said, Wel, I will speake for thee vnto the king.

19 ¶ Bathsheba therefore went vnto king Solomon, to speake vnto him for Adonijah: and the king rose vp to meete her, and bowed himselfe vnto her, and sate downe on his throne, and caused a seate to bee set for the Kings mother, and she sate on his right hand.

20 Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee, I pray thee say me not nay: and the King said vnto her, Aske on, my mother, for I will not say thee nay.

21 And she saide, Let Abishag the Shunammite be giuen to Adonijah thy brother to wife.

22 And king Solomon answered, and said vnto his mother, And why doest thou aske Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Aske for him the kingdome also (for he *is* mine elder brother) euen for him, and for Abiathar the Priest, & for Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah.

23 Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God doe so to me, and more also, if Adoniah haue not spoken this word against his owne life.

24 Now therefore as the LORD liueth, which hath established mee, and set mee on the throne of Dauid my father, and who hath made me an house as he *promised, Adoniah shall be put to death this day. * 2. Sam. 7. 12, 13.

25 And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and he fell vpon him that he died.

26 ¶ And vnto Abiathar the Priest saide the King, Get thee to Anathoth, vnto thine own fields, for thou *art* †worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the arke of the Lord GOD before Dauid my father, and because thou hast bene afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. † Heb. a man of death.

27 So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from beeing Priest vnto the LORD: that hee might *fulfill the word of the LORD, which hee spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh. * 1. Sam. 2. 31, 35.

28 ¶ Then tidings came to Ioab (for Ioab had turned after Adoniah, though hee turned not after Absalom) and Ioab fled vnto the Tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the hornes of the Altar.

29 And it was told king Solomon that Ioab was fled vnto the Tabernacle of the LORD, and behold, hee *is* by the Altar: Then Solomon sent Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, saying, Goe fall vpon him.

30 And Benaiah came to the Tabernacle of the LORD, and said vnto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay, but I will die heere. And Benaiah brought the king word againe, saying, Thus said Ioab, and thus he answered me.

31 And the king saide vnto him, Doe as he hath said, and fall vpon him, and bury him, that thou mayest take away the innocent blood which Ioab shed, from mee, and from the house of my father.

32 And the LORD shall returne his blood vpon his owne head, who fell vpon two men, more righteous and better then hee, and slew them with the sword, my father Dauid not knowing thereof, *to wit*, *Abner the sonne of Ner, * 2. Sam. 3. 27.
captaine of the hoste of Israel, and

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* Amasa

* 2. Sam.
20. 10.

* Amasa the sonne of Iether, captaine of the hoste of Iudah.

33 Their blood shall therefore returne vpon the head of Ioab, and vpon the head of his seed for euer: but vpon Dauid, and vpon his seede, and vpon his house, and vpon his throne, shall there bee peace for euer from the LORD.

34 So Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada went vp, and fell vpon him, and slewe him, and hee was buried in his owne house in the wildernesse.

35 ¶ And the king put Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada in his roome ouer the hoste, and Zadok the Priest did the king put in the roome of Abiathar.

36 ¶ And the king sent, and called for Shimei, and said vnto him, Build thee an house in Ierusalem, and dwell there, and goe not forth thence any whither.

37 For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, & passest ouer the brooke Kidron, thou shalt know for certaine, that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shal be vpon thine owne head.

38 And Shimei said vnto the King, The saying *is* good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy seruant doe. And Shimei dwelt in Ierusalem many dayes.

39 And it came to passe at the end of three yeeres, that two of the seruants of Shimei ranne away vnto Achish sonne of Maachah king of Gath: and they told Shimei, saying, Beholde, thy seruants *be* in Gath.

40 And Shimei arose, and saddled his asse, and went to Gath to Achish, to seeke his seruants: and Shimei went and brought his seruants from Gath.

41 And it was told Solomon, that Shimei had gone from Ierusalem to Gath, and was come againe.

42 And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said vnto him, Did I not make thee to sweare by the LORD, and protested vnto thee, saying, Know for a certaine, that on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? And thou saidest vnto me, The word *that* I haue heard, *is* good.

43 Why then hast thou not kept the Oath of the LORD, and the commandement that I haue charged thee with?

44 The king said moreuer to Shi-

mei, Thou knowest all the wickednesse which thine heart is priuie to, that thou diddest to Dauid my father: therefore the LORD shall returne thy wickednesse vpon thine owne head.

45 And king Salomon *shall be* blessed, and the throne of Dauid shall bee established before the LORD for euer.

46 So the king commaunded Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, which went out, and fell vpon him, that he died, and the *kingdome was established in the hand of Solomon.

* 2. Chron.
I. I.

CHAP. III.

1 Solomon marieth Pharaohs daughter. 2 Hie places being in vse, Solomon sacrificeth at Gibeon. 5 Solomon at Gibeon, in the choice which God gaue him, preferring wisdom, obtaineth wisdom, riches, and honour. 16 Solomons iudgement betweene the two harlots, maketh him renowned.

AND *Solomon made affinitie with Pharaoh king of * Chap. 7. Egypt, and tooke Pharaohs daughter, and brought her ⁸ into the citie of Dauid, vntill he had made an end of building his owne house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Ierusalem round about.

2 Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no house built vnto the Name of the LORD vntill those dayes.

3 And Solomon loued the LORD, walking in the statutes of Dauid his father: onely he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer vp on that Altar.

5 ¶ In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dreame by night: and God sayd, Aske what I shall giue thee.

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed vnto thy seruant Dauid my father great || mercy, according as he walked before || Or, bountie. thee in trueth, and in righteousness, and in vprightnesse of heart with thee, and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast giuen him a sonne to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy seruant
King in
stead

stead of Daid my father: and I am but a litle childe: I know not how to goe out or come in.

8 And thy seruant *is* in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbred, nor counted for multitude.

* 2. Chron. 1. 10. † *Hebr. hearing.* 9 * Giue therefore thy seruant an † vnderstanding heart, to iudge thy people, that I may discerne betweene good and bad: for who is able to iudge this thy so great a people?

10 And the speach pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing.

† *Hebr. many dayes.* † *Hebr. to heare.* 11 And God said vnto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thy selfe † long life, neither hast asked riches for thy selfe, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies, but hast asked for thy selfe vnderstanding † to discerne iudgement;

12 Behold, I haue done according to thy word: loe, I haue giuen thee a wise and an vnderstanding heart, so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like vnto thee.

* Matth. 6. 33. wisd. 7. 11. † *Or, hath not bene.* 13 And I haue also * giuen thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there || shall not be any among the Kings like vnto thee, all thy dayes.

* Chap. 15. 5. 14 And if thou wilt walke in my wayes, to keepe my Statutes and my Commandements, * as thy father Daid did walke, then I will lengthen thy dayes.

15 And Solomon awoke, and behold, *it was* a dreame: and he came to Ierusalem, and stood before the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, and offered vp burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his seruants.

16 ¶ Then came there two women that were harlots, vnto the king, and stood before him.

17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house, and I was deliuered of a childe, with her in the house.

18 And it came to passe the third day after that I was deliuered, that this woman was deliuered also: and wee *were* together; there *was* no stranger with vs in the house, saue we two in the house.

19 And this womans childe died in the night: because she ouerlaid it.

20 And shee arose at midnight, and tooke my sonne from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and layd it in her bosome, and layd her dead childe in my bosome.

21 And when I rose in the morning to giue my childe sucke, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, beholde, it was not my sonne, which I did beare.

22 And the other woman said, Nay, but the liuing *is* my sonne, and the dead *is* thy sonne: And this said, No, but the dead *is* thy sonne, and the liuing *is* my sonne. Thus they spake before the king.

23 Then said the King, The one saith, This *is* my sonne, that liueth, and thy sonne *is* the dead: and the other saith Nay: but thy sonne *is* the dead, and my sonne *is* the liuing.

24 And the King said, Bring mee a sword. And they brought a sword before the king:

25 And the king said, Diuide the liuing childe in two, and giue halfe to the one, and halfe to the other.

26 Then spake the woman whose the liuing childe *was*, vnto the king, (for her bowels †yerned vpon her sonne) and she said, O my lord, giue her the liuing childe, and in no wise slay it: But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but diuide *it*. † Hebr. *were hot.*

27 Then the King answered and said, Giue her the liuing child, and in no wise slay it: she *is* the mother thereof.

28 And all Israel heard of the Iudgement which the king had iudged, and they feared the King: for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* †in him, to doe Iudgement. † Hebr. *in the midst of him.*

CHAP. III.

1 Solomons Princes. 7 His twelue Officers for prouision. 20. 24 The peace and largenesse of his kingdome. 22 His daily prouision. 26 His stables. 29 His wisdom.

SO King Solomon was king ouer all Israel.

2 And these *were* the Princes which he had, Azariah the sonne of Zadok, || the Priest,

3 Elihoreph, and Ahiah the sonnes of Shisha, || Scribes: Iehoshaphat the sonne of Ahilud the || Recorder;

4 And Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada *was* ouer the host:

And Zadok
and

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taries.
|| Or,
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and Abiathar *were* the Priests :

5 And Azariah the sonne of Nathan *was* ouer the officers : and Zabud the sonne of Nathan *was* principall officer, and the kings friend.

* Chap. 5. 6 And Ahishar was ouer the houshold : and * Adoniram the sonne of Abda was ouer the ||tribute.

^{14.} || Or, *leuie.* 7 ¶ And Solomon had twelue officers ouer all Israel, which prouided victuals for the king and his houshold : each man his moneth in a yeere made prouision.

|| Or, *Ben-hur.* 8 And these are their names : ||the sonne of Hur in mount Ephraim,

|| Or, *Ben-Dekar.* 9 The ||sonne of Dekar in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Bethshemesh, and Elon-Bethhanan.

|| Or, *Ben-Heseb.* 10 The ||sonne of Heseb in Aruboth, *to him pertained* Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher ;

|| Or, *Ben-Abinadab.* 11 The ||sonne of Abinadab in all the region of Dor, which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife :

12 Baana the sonne of Ahilud, *to him pertained* Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Iezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-Meholah, euen vnto *the place that is* beyond Iokneam :

|| Or, *Ben-Geber.* 13 The ||sonne of Geber in Ramoth Gilead, to him *pertained* the townes of Iair the sonne of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead : to him *also pertained* the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, threescore great cities, with walles, and brasen barres.

|| Or, *to Mahanaim.* 14 Ahinadab the sonne of Iddo *had* || Mahanaim.

15 Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali ; he also tooke Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife.

16 Baanah the sonne of Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth :

17 Iehoshaphat the sonne of Paruah in Issachar :

18 Shimei the sonne of Elah in Benjamin :

19 Geber the sonne of Vri *was* in the countrey of Gilead, *in* the countrey of Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan ; and hee *was* the onely officer which *was* in the land.

20 ¶ Iudah and Israel *were* many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merrie.

* Ecclus. 47. 15. 21 And * Solomon reigned ouer all kingdoms from the riuier vnto the land

of the Philistines, and vnto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and serued Solomon all the dayes of his life.

22 ¶ And Solomons †prouision for one day, was thirtie measures of fine floure, and threescore †measures of meale, ^{†Heb. bread.}

23 Ten fat oxen, and twentie oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheepe, beside Harts, and Roe-buckes, and fallow Deere, and fatted foule. ^{†Heb. Cors.}

24 For he had dominion ouer all *the region* on this side the Riuer, from Tiphseh euen to Azzah ouer all the kings on this side the Riuer: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

25 And Iudah and Israel dwelt †safely, euery man vnder his Vine, and vnder his Figtree, from Dan euen to Beer-sheba, all the dayes of Solomon. ^{†Heb. confidently.}

26 ¶ And *Solomon had fourtie thousand stalles of horses for his charets, and twelue thousand horsemen. ^{* 2. Chron. 9. 25.}

27 And those officers prouided victuall for king Solomon, and for all that came vnto king Solomons table, euery man in his moneth: they lacked nothing.

28 Barley also and straw for the horses and ‖dromedaries, brought they vnto the place where the officers were, euery man according to his charge. ^{‖Or, mules, or swift beasts.}

29 ¶ And *God gaue Solomon wisdom, and vnderstanding, exceeding much, and largenesse of heart, euen as the sand that *is* on the sea shoare. ^{* Ecclus. 47. 14, 15, 16.}

30 And Solomons wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the East countrey, and all the wisdom of Egypt.

31 For hee was wiser then all men; then Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda the sonnes of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

32 And he spake three thousand prouerbes: and his songs were a thousand and fife.

33 And hee spake of trees, from the Cedar tree that *is* in Lebanon, euen vnto the Hyssope that springeth out of the wall: hee spake also of beasts, and of foule, and of creeping things, and of fishes.

34 And there came of all people to heare the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

CHAP. V.

1 Hiram sending to congratulate Solomon, is certified of his purpose to build the Temple, and desired to furnish him with timber thereto.

7 Hiram blessing God for Solomon, and requesting food for his family, furnisheth him with trees. 13 The number of Solomons workemen and labourers.

AND Hiram king of Tyre sent his seruants vnto Solomon: (for hee had heard that they had anointed him King in the rounge of his father,) for Hiram was euer a louer of Dauid.

* 1. Chro.
2. 3.

2 And * Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 Thou knowest how that Dauid my father could not build an house vnto the Name of the LORD his God, for the warres which were about him on euery side, vntill the LORD put them vnder the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath giuen me rest on euery side, so that there is neither aduersary, nor euill occurrent.

† Hebr.
say.
* 2. Sam.
7. 13.
1. chro. 22.
10.

5 And behold, I † purpose to build an house vnto the Name of the LORD my God, * as the LORD spake vnto Dauid my father, saying, Thy sonne, whom I will set vpon thy throne in thy rounge, he shall build an house vnto my Name.

6 Now therefore command thou, that they hew me Cedar trees out of Lebanon, and my seruants shall bee with thy seruants: and vnto thee will I giue hire for thy seruants, according to all that thou shalt † appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among vs, any that can skill to hew timber, like vnto the Sidonians.

† Hebr.
say.

7 ¶ And it came to passe when Hiram heard the wordes of Solomon, that hee reioyced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath giuen vnto Dauid a wise sonne ouer this great people.

† Hebr.
heard.

8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I haue † considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and* I will doe all thy desire concerning timber of Cedar, and concerning timber of firre.

9 My seruants shall bring *them* downe from Lebanon vnto the Sea: and I wil conuey them by sea in flotes, vnto the place that thou shalt † appoint

† Hebr.
send.

me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receiue *them*: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giuing food for my houshold.

10 So Hiram gaue Solomon Cedar trees, and Firre trees, *according* to all his desire.

11 And Solomon gaue Hiram twentie thousand †measures ^{†Heb.} of wheate for food to his houshold, and twentie measures of ^{Cors.} pure oile: thus gaue Solomon to Hiram yeere by yeere.

12 And the LORD gaue Solomon wisdome, *as hee promised ^{*Cha. 3.} him: and there was peace betweene Hiram and Solomon, ¹² and they two made a league together.

13 ¶ And King Solomon raised a †leuie out of all Israel, ^{†Heb. tribute of} and the leuie was thirtie thousand men.

14 And hee sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a moneth by courses: a moneth they were in Lebanon, and two moneths at home: and *Adoniram *was* ouer the leuie. ^{*Chap. 4.}

15 And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourescore thousand hewers in the mountaines: ^{6.}

16 Besides the chiefe of Solomons officers which *were* ouer the worke, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled ouer the people that wrought in the worke.

17 And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.

18 And Solomons builders, and Hiram's builders, did hewe them, and the ‖stone-squarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house. ^{|| Or, Giblites, as Ezek. 27. 9.}

CHAP. VI.

1 The building of Solomons Temple. 5 The chambers thereof.
11 Gods promise vnto it. 15 The sieling and adorning of it:
23 The Cherubims. 31 The doores. 36 The court. 37 The time of building it.

AND *it came to passe in the foure hundred and foure- 2. Chron.
score yeere after the children of Israel were come out 3. 1.
of the land of Egypt, in the fourth yere of Solomons reigne
ouer Israel, in the moneth Zif, which *is* the second moneth,
that he †began to build the house of the LORD.

†Heb.
2 And *built.*

2 And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof *was* threescore cubites, and the breadth thereof twentie cubits, and the height thereof thirtie cubites.

3 And the porch before the Temple of the house: twentie cubites *was* the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house, and tenne cubites *was* the breadth thereof before the house.

|| Or, win-
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broad

*within and
narrow
without:
or, skewwed
and closed.*

|| Or, upon,
or ioyning
to.

† Heb.

floores

† Heb.

ribs.

† Heb.

narrow-

ings, or,

rebate-

ments.

† Heb.

shoulder.

4 And for the house he made || windowes of narrow lights.

5 ¶ And || against the wall of the house he built † chambers round about, *against* the walles of the house round about, *both* of the Temple and of the Oracle: and hee made † chambers round about.

6 The nethermost chamber *was* five cubites broad, and the middle *was* sixe cubites broad, and the third *was* seven cubites broad: for without *in the wall* of the house hee made † narrowed rests round about, that *the beames* should not bee fastened in the walles of the house.

7 And the house when it was in building, was built of stone, made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe, nor any toole of yron heard in the house, while it was in building.

8 The doore for the middle chamber *was* in the right † side of the house: and they went vp with winding staires into the middle *chamber*, and out of the middle into the third.

9 So he built the house and finished it: and couered the house || with beams and boards of Cedar.

|| Or, the
vault
beams and
the sielings
with
Cedar.

10 And then hee built chambers against all the house, five cubites high: and they rested on the house with timber of Cedar.

11 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying;

12 Concerning this House which thou art in building, if thou wilt walke in my Statutes, and execute my Iudgments, and keepe all my Commandements to walke in them: then will I performe my word with thee, * which I spake vnto Dauid thy father.

13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

15 And hee built the walles of the house within with boards of Cedar,

* 2. Sam.
7. 13.
1. chro.
22. 10.

|| both the floore of the house, and the walles of the sieling: || Or, *from the floore of the house vnto the walles,*
 and hee couered *them* on the inside with wood, and couered *&c.* And so ver. 16.
 the floore of the house with planks of firre.

16 And hee built twentie cubites on the sides of the house, both the floore, and the walles with boards of Cedar: he euen built *them* for it within, *euen* for the Oracle, *euen* for the most holy place.

17 And the house, that is, the Temple before it, was fortie cubites *long.*

18 And the Cedar of the house within was carued with || knops, || Or, *gourds.*
 and † open flowres: all *was* Cedar, there was no stone seene. † *Heb. openings of flowres.*

19 And the Oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD.

20 And the Oracle in the forepart, was twenty cubits in length and twentie cubites in breadth, and twentie cubites in the height thereof: and hee ouerlayd it with † pure golde, † *Heb. shut vp.*
 and so couered the Altar *which was* of Cedar.

21 So Solomon ouerlayd the house within with pure golde: and he made a partition, by the chaines of golde before the Oracle, and he ouerlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he ouerlaid with golde vntill he had finished all the house: also the whole Altar that *was* by the Oracle he ouerlaide with golde.

23 ¶ And within the Oracle he made two Cherubims of || Oliue tree, *each* ten cubites high.

24 And fise cubits *was* the one wing of the Cherub, and fise cubits the other wing of the Cherub: from the vttermost part of the one wing, vnto the vttermost part of the other, were ten cubites.

25 And the other Cherub was tenne cubites: both the Cherubims were of one measure, and one size.

26 The height of the one Cherub *was* ten cubites, and so *was it* of the other Cherub.

27 And he set the Cherubims within the inner house: and * || they stretched foorth the wings of the Cherubims, so that * Exod. 25.
 the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other Cherub touched the other wall: & their wings touched one another in the midst of the house.

28 And he ouerlayd the Cherubims with golde.

29 And hee carued all the walles of
 the

the house round about with carued figures of Cherubims, and palme trees, and †open flowers, within & without.

†*Heb. openings of flowers.*

30 And the floore of the house hee ouerlayed with gold, within and without.

||*Or, five square.*

31 ¶ And for the entring of the Oracle he made doores of Oliue tree: the lintell *and* side posts *were* ||a fifth part of the wall.

||*Or, leaues of the doores.*

†*Hebr. openings of flowers.*

32 The ||two doores also *were* of Oliue tree, and he carued vpon them caruings of Cherubims, and palme trees, and †open flowers, and ouerlayd *them* with gold, and spread gold vpon the Cherubims, and vpon the palme trees.

||*Or, foure square.*

33 So also made hee for the doore of the Temple postes of Oliue tree ||a fourth part of the wall.

34 And the two doores *were* of firre tree: the two leaues of the one doore *were* folding, and the two leaues of the other doore *were* folding.

35 And he carued *thereon* Cherubims, and palme trees, and open flowers: and couered *them* with gold, fitted vpon the carued worke.

36 ¶ And hee built the inner Court with three rowes of hewed stone, and a row of Cedar beames.

||*Or, with all the appurtenances therof, and with all the ordinances therof.*

37 ¶ In the fourth yeere was the foundation of the house of the LORD layd, in the moneth Zif.

38 And in the eleuenth yeere in the moneth Bul (which is the eight moneth) was the house finished ||throughout all the parts therof, and according to all the fashion of it: So was he seuen yeeres in building it.

CHAP. VII.

- 1 The building of Solomons house. 2 Of the house of Lebanon. 6 Of the porch of pillars. 7 Of the porch of Iudgement. 8 Of the house for Pharaohs daughter. 13 Hiram worke of the two pillars. 23 Of the molten Sea. 27 Of the ten bases. 38 Of the ten lauers, 40 And all the vessels.

* Chap. 9.
10.

BVt Solomon was building his owne house *thirteene yerres, and he finished all his house.

2 ¶ Hee built also the house of the forrest of Lebanon; the length thereof *was* a hundred cubites, and the breadth thereof fiftie cubites, and the height thereof thirtie cubites, vpon foure rowes of Cedar pillars,

with Cedar beames vpon the pillars.

3 And it *was* couered with Cedar aboue vpon the †beames, †*Heb. ribs.*
that *lay* on fortie fve pillars, fiteene in a row.

4 And *there were* windowes in three rowes, and †light *was* †*Hebr.*
against light *in* three rankes. *sight*

5 And all the ||doores and postes were square, with the *||Or, spaces*
windowes: and light *was* against light *in* three rankes. *and pillars*

6 ¶ And he made a porch of pillars, the length thereof *was*
fiftie cubites, and the breadth thereof thirtie cubites: and *were square*
the porch was ||before them: and the *other* pillars, and the *in prospect.*
thicke beame were ||before them. *||Or, according to them.*

7 ¶ Then hee made a porch for the throne where he might
iudge, euen the porch of Iudgement: and it was couered *||Or, according to them.*
with Cedar from †one side of the floore to the other. *†Hebr.*

8 ¶ And his house where he dwelt, *had* another court within *from floore*
the porch, *which* was of the like worke: Solomon made also *to floore.*
an house for Pharaohs daughter, (* whom he had taken to
wife) like vnto this porch. ** Chap. 3. 1.*

9 All these were of costly stones, according to the measures
of hewed stones, sawed with sawes, within and without, euen
from the foundation vnto the coping, and so on the outside
toward the great court.

10 And the foundation *was* of costly stones, *euen* great
stones; stones of ten cubites, and stones of eight cubites.

11 And aboue were costly stones (after the measures of hewed
stones) and Cedars.

12 And the great court round about, was with three rowes of
hewed stones, and a row of Cedar beames, both for the inner
court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

13 ¶ And king Solomon sent and fet Hiram out of Tyre.

14 Hee *was* †a widowes sonne of the tribe of Naphtali, †*Hebr. the*
and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in brasse, and *sonne of a*
he was filled with wisdom, and vnderstanding, and cunning *widow woman.*
to worke all workes in brasse: and hee came to king Solomon,
and wrought all his worke.

15 For †he cast two pillars of brasse of eighteene cubites †*Hebr. fa-*
high a peece: and a line of twelue cubites did compasse either *shioned.*
of them about.

16 And hee made two Chapters of molten brasse, to set
vpon the tops of the
the

the pillars: the height of the one chapter *was* five cubites, and the height of the other chapter *was* five cubites:

17 And nets of checker worke, *and* wreathes of chaine worke, for the chapters which *were* vpon the top of the pillars: seuen for the one chapter, and seuen for the other chapter.

18 And he made the pillars, and two rowes round about vpon the one networke, to couer the chapters that *were* vpon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter.

19 And the chapters that *were* vpon the top of the pillars, *were* of lillie worke in the porch, foure cubites.

20 And the chapters vpon the two pillars *had* pomegranates also, aboue, ouer against the belly which was by the networke: and the pomegranates were two hundred in rowes round about, vpon the other chapter.

* 2. Chr. 3. 21 * And he set vp the pillars in the porch of the temple :
17. and hee set vp the right pillar, and called the name therof
|| *That is, he shall establish.* || Iachin: and he set vp the left pillar, and called the name
|| *That is, in it is strength* || thereof || Boaz.

22 And vpon the top of the pillars *was* lillie worke: so was the worke of the pillars finished.

23 ¶ And he made a moulten Sea, ten cubites † from the
† *Heb. from his brimme, to his brim.* one brim to the other: *it was* round all about, & his height
was five cubits: and a line of thirtie cubites did compasse it round about.

24 And vnder the brimme of it round about *there were* knops
* 2. Chron. 4. 3. compassing it, ten in a cubite, * compassing the sea round about: the knops were cast in two rowes, when it was cast.

25 It stood vpon twelue oxen, three looking toward the North, and three looking toward the West, and three looking toward the South, and three looking toward the East: and the Sea *was set* aboue vpon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward.

26 And it was an hand breadth thicke, and the brimme thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with flowres of lillies: it contained two thousand Baths.

27 ¶ And he made ten bases of brasse; foure cubites *was* the length of one base, and foure cubites the breadth thereof, and three cubites the height of it.

28 And the worke of the bases was on this *maner*: they had borders, and the borders *were* betweene the ledges:

29 And on the borders that *were* betweene the ledges *were* lyons, oxen, and Cherubims: and vpon the ledges there was a base aboue: and beneath the lyons and oxen were certaine additions made of thinne worke.

30 And euery base had foure brasen wheelles, and plates of brasse: and the foure corners therof had vnder setters: vnder the lauer were vnder setters molten, at the side of euery addition.

31 And the mouth of it within the chapter, and aboue, was a cubite: but the mouth thereof was round *after* the worke of the base, a cubite and an halfe: and also vpon the mouth of it were grauings with their borders, foure square not round.

32 And vnder the borders were foure wheelles: & the axletrees of the wheelles *were* †ioyned to the base, and the height of a wheele *was* a cubite and halfe a cubite. † *Heb. in the base.*

33 And the worke of the wheelles *was* like the worke of a charet wheele: their axletrees and their naues, and their felloes, and their spokes *were* all molten.

34 And *there were* foure vnder setters to the foure corners of one base: and the vnder setters *were* of the very base it selfe.

35 And in the top of the base *was there* a round compasse of halfe a cubite high: and on the top of the base the ledges thereof, and the borders thereof *were* of the same.

36 For on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graued Cherubims, lions, and palme trees, according to the †proportion of euery one, and additions round about. † *Heb. nakednesse.*

37 After this maner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one size.

38 ¶ Then made hee ten lauers of brasse: one lauer contained fourtie baths: *and* euery lauer was foure cubites, *and* vpon euery one of the ten bases, one lauer.

39 And he put fiue bases on the right †side of the house, † *Heb. shoulder.* and fiue on the left side of the house: and he set the Sea on the right side of the house Eastward, ouer against the South.

40 ¶ And Hiram made the lauers, and the shouels, and the basons: So Hiram made an ende of doing all the worke that hee made King Solomon, for the house of the LORD.

41 The two pillars, and the *two*
bowles

bowles of the chapiters that *were* on the top of the two pillars: and the two networkes, to couer the two bowles of the chapiters which were vpon the top of the pillars:

42 And foure hundred Pomegranates for the two networkes, *euen* two rowes of Pomegranates for one networke, to couer the two bowles of the chapiters that *were* †vpon the pillars:

43 And the ten bases, and ten lauers on the bases.

44 And one Sea, and twelue oxen vnder the Sea.

45 And the pots, and the shouels, and the basons: and all these vessels which Hiram made to King Solomon, for the house of the LORD, *were* of †bright brasse.

46 In the plaine of Iordane did the king cast them †in the clay ground, betweene Succoth and Zarthan.

47 And Solomon left all the vessels *vnweighed*, †because they were exceeding many: *neither* was the weight of the brasse †found out.

48 And Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* vnto the house of the LORD: the Altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the Shewbread *was*:

49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, fiue on the right *side*, and fiue on the left, before the Oracle, with the flowers, and the lampes, and the tongs of gold,

50 And the boules, and the snuffers, and the basons, & the spoones, and the †censers of pure gold: and the hindges of gold, *both* for the doores of the inner house the most Holy place, *and* for the doores of the house, *to wit*, of the temple.

51 So was ended all the worke that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD: and Solomon brought in the †things *which Dauid his father had dedicated, *euen* the siluer, and the gold, & the vessels did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The feast of the dedication of the Temple. 12. and 54. Solomons blessing. 22 Solomons prayer. 62 His sacrifice of peace offrings.

Then *Solomon assembled the Elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the †chiefe of the fathers of the children of Israel,

†Hebr.
vpon the
face.

†Hebr.
made
bright, or
scoured.

†Hebr. in
the thick-
nesse of the
ground.

†Hebr. for
the excee-
ding mul-
titude.

†Hebr.
searched.

†Heb. ash-
pans.

†Heb.
things of
Dauid.

* 2. Chron.

5. 1.

* 2. Chron.

5. 2.
†Hebr.
Princes.

vnto king Solomon in Ierusalem, that they might bring vp the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, out of the citie of Dauid, which is Zion.

2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselues vnto king Solomon, at the feast, in the moneth Ethanim, which *is* the seuenth moneth.

3 And all the Elders of Israel came, and the Priests tooke vp the Arke.

4 And they brought vp the Arke of the LORD, and the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the Tabernacle, euen those did the Priests & the Leuites bring vp.

5 And king Solomon, and all the Congregation of Israel, that were assembled vnto him, *were* with him before the Arke, sacrificing sheepe, and oxen, that could not bee told nor numbred for multitude.

6 And the Priests brought in the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD vnto his place, into the Oracle of the house to the most holy place, euen vnder the wings of the Cherubims.

7 For the Cherubims spread forth *their* two wings ouer the place of the Arke, and the Cherubims couered the Arke, and the staues thereof aboue.

8 And they drew out the staues, that the †ends of the staues †*Heb. heads.* were seene out in the || Holy place before the Oracle, and they || *Or, Arke,* were not seene without: and there they are vnto this day. *as 2.*

9 There was nothing in the Arke, *saue the two Tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, || when the LORD *Chron. 5.* made a *Couenant* with the children of Israel, when they came *9. Deut. 10.* out of the land of Egypt. *5. Or,*

10 And it came to passe when the Priests were come out of *where.* the holy place, that the cloud *filled the house of the LORD; **Exod. 40.* 11 So that the Priests could not stand to minister, because 34 of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

12 ¶ Then spake Solomon; The LORD *said that hee ** 2. Chro. 6. 1.* would dwell in the thicke darkenesse.

13 I haue surely built thee an house to dwel in, a setled place for thee to abide in for euer.

14 And the King turned his face about, and blessed all the Congregation of Israel: (and all the Congregation of Israel stood.)

15 And

15 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth vnto Daud my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled *it*, saying;

16 Since the day that I brought foorth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no citie out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house that my Name might be therein; but I chose * Daud to be ouer my people Israel.

* 2. Sam.
7. 8.

17 And it was in the heart of Daud my father, to builde an house for the Name of the LORD God of Israel.

18 And the LORD sayd vnto Daud my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house vnto my Name, thou diddest well that it was in thine heart.

19 Neuerthelesse, thou shalt not build the house, but thy sonne that shall come foorth out of thy loynes, hee shall build the house vnto my Name.

20 And the LORD hath perfourmed his word that he spake, and I am risen vp in the rounge of Daud my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and haue built an House for the Name of the LORD God of Israel.

21 And I haue set there a place for the Arke, wherein is the Couenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

* 2. Chron.
6. 13.

22 ¶ And Solomon stood before * the Altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the Congregation of Israel, and spread foorth his handes toward heauen :

* 2. Macc.
2. 8.

23 And hee said, * LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like thee, in heauen aboue, or on earth beneath, who keepest couenant and mercy with thy seruants, that walke before thee with all their heart :

24 Who hast kept with thy seruant Daud my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as *it is* this day.

* Chap. 2.
4. 2. Sam.

25 Therefore now LORD God of Israel, keepe with thy seruant Daud my father, that thou promisedst him, saying; * † There shall not faile thee a man in my sight to sit on the Throne of Israel; † so that thy children take heede to their way, that they walke before me as thou hast walked before me :

7. 12.
† Heb.
*there shall
not be cut
off vnto thee
a man from
my sight.*
† Heb.
onely if.

26 And now, O God of Israel, let

thy worde (I pray thee) bee verified, which thou spakest vnto thy seruant Dauid my father.

27 But will God indeede dwell on the earth? Behold, the heauen, and heauen of heauens cannot containe thee: how much lesse this House that I haue builded?

28 Yet haue thou respect vnto the prayer of thy seruant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken vnto the crie and to the prayer, which thy seruant prayeth before thee to day:

29 That thine eyes may be open toward this house, night and day, *euen* toward the place of which thou hast said, * My Name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken vnto the prayer which thy seruant shall make || towards this place. * Deut. 12. 11.

30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy seruant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray || towards this place: and heare thou in heauen thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest, forgiue. || Or, in this place.

31 ¶ If any man trespassse against his neighbour, † and an oath be laid vpon him to cause him to sweare, and the oath come before thine Altar in this house: † Heb. and he require an oath of him.

32 Then heare thou in heauen, and doe, and iudge thy seruants, condemning the wicked to bring his way vpon his head, and iustifying the righteous, to giue him according to his righteousness.

33 ¶ When thy people Israel bee smitten downe before the enemy, because they haue sinned against thee, and shall turne againe to thee, and confesse thy Name, and pray, and make supplication vnto thee || in this house: || Or, towards.

34 Then heare thou in heauen, and forgiue the sinne of thy people Israel, and bring them againe vnto the land, which thou gauest vnto their fathers.

35 ¶ When heauen is shut vp, and there is no raine, because they haue sinned against thee: if they pray towards this place, and confesse thy Name, and turne from their sinne, when thou afflictest them:

36 Then heare thou in heauen, and forgiue the sinne of thy seruants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walke, and giue raine vpon thy land which

which thou hast giuen to thy people for an inheritance.

37 ¶ If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, *or* if there be caterpillar: if their enemy besiege them in the land of their ||cities, whatsoever plague, whatsoever sicknes *there be*;

|| *Or, iurisdiction.*

38 What prayer and supplication soeuer be made by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, which shall know euery man the plague of his owne heart, and spread forth his handes towards this house:

39 Then heare thou in heauen thy dwelling place, and forgiue, and do, and giue to euery man according to his wayes, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, *euē* thou onely knowest the hearts of all the children of men,)

40 That they may feare thee all the dayes that they liue, in the land which thou gauest vnto our fathers.

41 Moreouer, concerning a stranger that is not of thy people Israel, but commeth out of a farre countrey, for thy Names sake;

42 (For they shall heare of thy great Name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arme) when hee shall come and pray towards this house:

43 Heare thou in heauen thy dwelling place, and doe according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy Name, to feare thee, as *†Hebr. thy doe* thy people Israel, and that they may know that *Name is called vpon this house.* †this house which I haue builded, is called by thy Name.

† *Hebr. the way of the citie.*

44 ¶ If thy people goe out to battell against their enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shall pray vnto the LORD †toward the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward* the house that I haue built for thy Name:

|| *Or, right.*

45 Then heare thou in heauen their prayer & their supplication, and mainteine their ||cause.

* 2. Chron. 6. 36. eccl. 7. 22. 1. iohn 1. 8, 10.

46 If they sinne against thee, (*for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliuer them to the enemy, so that they cary them away captiues, vnto the land of the enemy, farre or neere;

† *Hebr. bring backe to their heart.*

47 Yet if they shall †bethinke themselues, in the land whither they were caried captiues, and repent, and make supplication vnto thee in the land of them that caried them captiues, saying,

Wee haue sinned, and haue done peruersly, we haue committed wickednes;

48 And so returne vnto thee with all their heart, and with all their soule, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captiue, and pray vnto thee toward their land, which thou gauest vnto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I haue built for thy Name:

49 Then heare thou their prayer and their supplication in heauen thy dwelling place, and mainteine their || cause, *|| Or, right.*

50 And forgiue thy people that haue sinned against thee, and all their transgressions, wherein they haue transgressed against thee, and giue them compassion before them who caried them captiue, that they may haue compassion on them:

51 For they *bee* thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest foorth out of Egypt, from the mids of the furnace of iron:

52 That thine eyes may be open vnto the supplication of thy seruant, and vnto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken vnto them in all that they call for vnto thee.

53 For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy seruant, when thou *broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God. ** Exod. 19. 6.*

54 And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication vnto the LORD, he arose from before the Altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees, with his handes spread vp to heauen.

55 And he stood, and blessed all the Congregation of Israel, with a lowd voice, saying;

56 Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath giuen rest vnto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not †failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his seruant. *† Heb. fallen.*

57 The LORD our God be with vs, as he was with our fathers: let him not leaue vs, nor forsake vs:

58 That hee may encline our hearts vnto him, to walke in all his wayes, and to keepe his Commaundements, and his Statutes, and his Iudgements

ments which hee commaunded our fathers.

59 And let these my wordes wherewith I haue made supplication before the LORD, be nigh vnto the LORD our God, day and night, that hee maintaine the cause of his seruant, and the cause of his people Israel †at all times, as the matter shall require :

† *Heb. the thing of a day in his day.*

60 That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God: *and that* there is none else.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD your God, to walke in his Statutes, and to keepe his Commandements, as at this day.

* 2. Chron.
7. 4.

62 ¶ And *the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD.

63 And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered vnto the LORD, two and twentie thousand oxen, and an hundred and twentie thousand sheepe: so the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD.

* 2. Chron.
7. 7.

64 The same day did the king hallow the middle of the Court that was before the house of the LORD: for there hee offered burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because *the brasen Altar that *was* before the LORD, *was* too little to receiue the burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great Congregation, from the entring in of Hamath, vnto the riuer of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven dayes and seven dayes, *euen* fourteene dayes.

¶ Or,
thanked.

66 On the eight day he sent the people away: and they ¶blessed the King, and went vnto their tents ioyfull, and glad of heart, for all the goodnesse that the LORD had done for Dauid his seruant, and for Israel his people.

CHAP. IX.

1 Gods Couenant in a vision, with Solomon. 10 The mutual presents of Solomon and Hiram. 15 In Solomons workes the Gentiles were his bondmen, the Israelites honourable seruants. 24 Pharaohs daughter remoueth to her house. 25 Solomons yeerely solemne sacrifices. 26 His nauie fetcheth golde from Ophir.

AND *it came to passe, when Solomon had finished the ^{* 2. Chron. 7. 11.} building of the house of the LORD, and the kings house, and all Solomons desire which hee was pleased to doe,

2 That the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, *as hee had appeared vnto him at Gibeon. ^{* Chap. 3.}

3 And the LORD said vnto him, I haue heard thy prayer ^{5.} and thy supplication that thou hast made before me: I haue hallowed this house which thou hast built, *to put my Name ^{* Cha. 8.} there for euer, and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there ²⁹ perpetually.

4 And if thou wilt walke before me, as Dauid thy father walked, in integritie of heart, and in vprightnesse, to doe according to all that I haue commanded thee, *and* wilt keepe my Statutes, and my Iudgements:

5 Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdome vpon Israel for euer, *as I promised to Dauid thy father, saying, ^{* 2. Sam. 7. 12. 1. chro. 22. 10.} There shall not faile thee a man vpon the throne of Israel.

6 *But* if you shall at all turne from following me, you or your children, and will not keepe my Commandements, *and* my Statutes, which I haue set before you, but goe and serue other gods, and worship them:

7 Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I haue giuen them; and this house which I haue hallowed *for my ^{* Ier. 7.} Name, will I cast out of my sight, and Israel shall bee a ^{14.} prouerbe, and a by-word among all people:

8 And at this house *which* is high, euery one that passeth by it, shalbe astonished, and shall hisse, and they shal say, *Why hath the LORD done thus vnto this land, and to this ^{* Deut. 29. 24. ierem. 22. 8.} house?

9 And they shall answere, Because they forsooke the LORD their God, who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and haue taken hold vpon other gods, and haue worshipped them, and serued them: therefore hath the LORD brought vpon them all this euill.

10 ¶ And *it came to passe at the end of twentie yeeres, ^{* 2. Chron. 8. 1.} when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the Kings house,

11 (*Now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon
with Cedar
trees,

trees, and firre trees, and with golde according to al his desire) that then Solomon gaue Hiram twentie cities in the land of Galile.

12 And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had giuen him, and they †pleased him not.

† *Heb. were not right in his eyes.*
 † That is, *displeasing or, dirtie.*

13 And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast giuen me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul vnto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixe score talents of gold.

15 ¶ And this *is* the reason of the leuie which king Solomon raised, for to build the house of the LORD, and his owne house, and Millo, and the wall of Ierusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.

16 For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone vp, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slaine the Canaanites that dwelt in the citie, and giuen it for a present vnto his daughter Solomons wife.

17 And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the nether,

18 And Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land.

† *Heb. the desire of Solomon which he desired.*

19 And all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his charets, and cities for his horsemen, and †that which Solomon desired to build in Ierusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

20 And all the people that were left of the Amorites, Hittittes, Perizzites, Hiuites, and Iebusites, which were not of the children of Israel,

21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able vtterly to destroy, vpon those did Solomon leuie a tribute of bond-seruice vnto this day.

* Leuit. 25.
39.

22 But of the children of Israel did Solomon *make no bondmen: but they *were* men of warre, and his seruants, and his princes, and his captaines, and rulers of his charets, and his horsemen.

23 These *were* the chiefe of the officers that *were* ouer Solomons worke, fise hundred and fiftie, which bare rule ouer the people that wrought in the worke.

* 2. Chron.
8. 11.

24 ¶ But *Pharaohs daughter came vp out of the citie of Daud, vnto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo.

25 ¶ And three times in a yeere did

Solomon offer burnt offerings, and peace offerings vpon the Altar which he built vnto the LORD, and he burnt incense †vpon the altar that *was* before the LORD: so he finished the house. † *Hebr.*
vpon it.

26 ¶ And king Solomon made a nauie of ships in Ezion Geber, which *is* beside Eloth, on the †shoare of the red sea, † *Heb. lip.* in the land of Edom.

27 And Hiram sent in the nauie his seruants, shipmen that had knowledge of the Sea, with the seruants of Solomon.

28 And they came to Ophir, and fet from thence gold foure hundred and twentie talents, and brought *it* to king Solomon.

CHAP. X.

1 The Queene of Sheba admireth the wisdome of Solomon. 14 Solomons gold. 16 His targets. 18 The throne of Iuorie. 21 His vessels. 24 His presents. 26 His chariots and horse. 28 His tribute.

ANd when the *Queene of Sheba heard of the fame of *Solomon, concerning the Name of the LORD; shee came to prooue him with hard questions. * 2. Chron.
9. 1. mat.
12 42. luke
11. 31.

2 And she came to Ierusalem with a very great traine, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when shee was come to Solomon, she communed with him, of all that was in her heart.

3 And Solomon tolde her all her †questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which hee told her not. † *Heb.*
words

4 And when the Queene of Sheba had seene all Solomons wisdome, and the house that he had built,

5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his seruants, and the †attendance of his ministers, and their apparell, and his ||cup bearers, and his ascent by which hee went vp vnto the house of the LORD: there was no more spirit in her. † *Heb.*
standing.
|| *Or, But-*
lers
† *Heb.*
word.

6 And she said to the king, It was a true †report that I heard in mine owne land, of thy ||actes and of thy wisdome. || *Or, say-*
ings

7 Howbeit, I beleued not the words, vntill I came and mine eyes had seene *it*: and beholde, the halfe was not told me: †thy wisdom and prosperitie exceedeth the fame which I heard. † *Heb. thou*
hast added
wisdome
and good-
nes to the
fame.

8 Happie *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy seruants, which stand continually before thee, *and* that heare thy wisdom.

9 Blessed be the LORD thy God which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the LORD loued Israel for euer, therefore made he thee King, to doe iudgement and iustice.

10 And she gaue the king an hundred and twentie talents of gold, and of spices very great store, & precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices, as these, which the Queene of Sheba gaue to king Solomon.

11 And the nauie also of Hiram that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir, great plentie of Almug trees, and precious stones.

12 And the king made of the Almug trees, ||pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the Kings house, Harpes also and Psalteries for singers: there came no such *Almug trees, nor were seene vnto this day.

|| Or,
railes.
Heb. a
prop.
* 2. Chron.
9. 10.

13 And king Solomon gaue vnto the Queene of Sheba, al her desire *whatsoever* she asked, besides that which Solomon gaue her †of *his* royall bountie: so she turned and went to her owne countrey, she and her seruants.

† Hebr. ac-
cording to
the hand of
king Solo-
mon.

14 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one yere, was sixe hundred, threescore & six talents of gold,

15 Besides *that he had* of the merchant men, and of the traffique of the spice-merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the ||gouernours of the countrey.

|| Or, Cap-
taines.

16 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten golde: sixe hundred *shekels* of golde went to one target.

17 And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold, three pound of gold went to one shield; and the king put them in the *house of the forrest of Lebanon.

* Chap. 7.
2

18 ¶ Moreouer the king made a great throne of yuorie, and ouerlaide it with the best gold.

19 The throne *had* sixe steps, and the top of the throne *was* round †behind: and *there were* †stayes on either side on the place of the seate, and two lyons stood beside the stayes.

† Heb. on
the hinder
part there-
of.

20 And twelue lions stood there on the one side and on the other vpon the sixe steps: there was not †the like made in any kingdome.

† Heb.
hands.
† Heb. so.

21 ¶ And all king Solomons drinking vessels *were* of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forrest of Lebanon *were* of pure gold, ||none were of siluer, it was nothing accounted of in the dayes of Solomon. *Or, there was no siluer in them.*

22 For the king *had* at sea a nauie of Tharshish, with the nauie of Hiram: once in three yeeres came the nauie of Tharshish, bringing golde and siluer, ||yuorie, and apes, and peacocks. *Or, Elephants teeth.*

23 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth, for riches and for wisdom.

24 ¶ And all the earth †sought to Solomon, to heare his wisdom which God had put in his heart. *† Heb. sought the face of.*

25 And they brought euery man his present, vessels of siluer, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate yeere by yeere.

26 ¶ And Solomon gathered together *charets and horsemen. And hee had a thousand and foure hundred charets, and twelue thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in the cities for charets, and with the king at Ierusalem. ** 2. Chron. 1. 14.*

27 And the king †made siluer *to be* in Ierusalem as stones, †and Cedars made he *to be* as the Sycomore trees, that *are* in the vale for abundance. *† Heb. gaue.*

28 ¶ *† And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarne: the kings merchants receiued the linen yarne at a price. *2. Chron. 1. 16. & 9. 28.*

29 And a charet came vp and went out of Egypt for sixe hundred *shekels* of siluer, and an horse for an hundred and fiftie: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring *them* out †by their meanes. *† Heb. and the going forth of the horses which was Solomons. † Hebr. by their hand.*

CHAP. XI.

1 Solomons wiues and concubines. 4 In his old age they draw him to idolatry. 9 God threatneth him. 14 Solomons aduersaries were Hadad, who was intainted in Egypt, 23 Rezon who reigned in Damascus, 26 And Ieroboam, to whom Ahiah prophesied. 41 Solomons actes, reigne, and death: Rehoboam succeedeth him.

BVt King Solomon loued *many strange women, (||together with y daughter of Pharaoh) women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians & Hittites: ** Deut. 17. 17. ecclus. 49. 19. Or, be-*

2 Of sides

2 Of the nations concerning which the LORD said vnto the children of Israel, *Yee shall not goe in to them, neither shall they come in vnto you, *for* surely they will turne away your heart after their gods: Solomon claue vnto these in loue.

*Exod. 34.
16.

3 And he had seuen hundred wiues, Princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wiues turned away his heart.

4 For it came to passe when Solomon was old, that his wiues turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of Dauid his father.

*Iudg. 2.
13.

5 For Solomon went after *Ashtoreth the goddessse of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Amorites.

6 And Solomon did euill in the sight of the LORD, and †went not fully after the LORD, as *did* Dauid his father.

†Hebr.
fulfilled
not after.

7 Then did Solomon build an hie place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Ierusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8 And likewise did hee for all his strange wiues, which burnt incense and sacrificed vnto their gods.

9 ¶ And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel *which had appeared vnto him twise,

*Chap. 3.
5, 9.

10 And *had commaunded him concerning this thing, that hee should not goe after other gods: but hee kept not that which the LORD commanded.

*Chap. 6.
12.

11 Wherefore the LORD said vnto Solomon; Forasmuch as this †is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my Couenant, and my Statutes which I haue commanded thee, *I wil surely rend the kingdome from thee, and will giue it to thy seruant.

†Hebr. *is*
with thee.
*Chap. 12.
15.

12 Notwithstanding in thy dayes I wil not doe it, for Dauid thy fathers sake: *but* I wil rend it out of the hand of thy sonne.

13 Howbeit, I wil not rend away all the kingdome: *but* wil giue one tribe to thy sonne, for Dauid my seruants sake, and for Ierusalems sake, which I haue chosen.

14 ¶ And the LORD stirred vp an

aduersary vnto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: hee *was* of the kings seed in Edom.

15 * For it came to passe when Dauid was in Edom, and ^{* 2. Sam. 8. 14.} Ioab the captaine of the host was gone vp to bury the slaine, after he had smitten euery male in Edom:

16 (For sixe moneths did Ioab remaine there with all Israel, vntil hee had cut off euery male in Edom.)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certaine Edomites of his fathers seruants with him, to goe into Egypt: Hadad being yet a litle childe.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran, and they tooke men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, vnto Pharaoh king of Egypt, which gaue him an house, and appointed him vitales, and gaue him land.

19 And Hadad found great fauour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gaue him to wife the sister of his owne wife, the sister of Tahpenes the Queene.

20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his sonne, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaohs house: and Genubath was in Pharaohs houshold among the sonnes of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that Dauid slept with his fathers, and that Ioab the captaine of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, †Let me depart, that I may ^{† Heb. send me away.} go to mine owne countrey.

22 Then Pharaoh said vnto him, But what hast thou lacked with mee, that, behold, thou seekest to goe to thine owne countrey? And hee answered, †Nothing: Howbeit, let ^{† Heb. Not.} mee goe in any wise.

23 ¶ And * God stirred him vp *another* aduersary: Rezon, ^{* 2. Sam. 8. 3. and 10. 18.} the sonne of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:

24 And he gathered men vnto him, and became captaine ouer a band, when Dauid slew them *of Zobah*: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an aduersarie to Israel all the dayes of Solomon, beside the mischiefe that Hadad *did*: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned ouer Syria.

26 ¶ And * Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, an Ephrathite ^{* 2. Chron. 13. 6.} of Zereda, Solomons seruant, (whose mothers name

was Zeruah a widow woman) euen he lift vp *his* hand against the king.

† *Hebr. closed.* 27 And this *was* the cause that hee lift vp *his* hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and † repaired the breaches of the citie of Dauid his father.

† *Heb. did worke.* 28 And the man Ieroboam *was* a mightie man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he † was industrious, hee made him ruler ouer all the † charge of the house of Ioseph.

29 And it came to passe at that time when Ieroboam went out of Ierusalem, that the Prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way: and hee had clad himselfe with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field.

30 And Ahijah caught the new garment that *was* on him, and rent it in twelue pieces.

31 And he said to Ieroboam, Take thee tenne pieces: for thus sayth the LORD the God of Israel, Behold, I will rent the kingdome out of the hand of Solomon, and will giue ten tribes to thee:

32 (But hee shall haue one tribe, for my seruant Dauids sake, and for Ierusalems sake, the citie which I haue chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:)

33 Because that they haue forsaken mee, and haue worshipped Ashtaroth the goddessse of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and haue not walked in my wayes, to doe that which is right in mine eyes, and *to keepe* my Statutes, and my Iudgements, as *did* Dauid his father.

34 Howbeit, I will not take the whole kingdome out of his hand: but I will make him Prince all the dayes of his life, for Dauid my seruants sake, whom I chose, because hee kept my Commandements and my Statutes:

* Chap. 12. 15. 35 But * I will take the kingdome out of his sonnes hand, and will giue it vnto thee, *euen* ten tribes.

† *Heb. lampe or candle.* 36 And vnto his sonne will I giue one tribe, that Dauid my seruant may haue a † light alway before me in Ierusalem, the citie which I haue chosen me to put my Name there.

37 And I will take thee, and thou shalt reigne according to all that thy soule desireth, and shalt be King ouer Israel.

38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken vnto all that I command thee, and

wilt walke in my wayes, and doe that is right in my sight, to keepe my Statutes and my Commandements, as Dauid my seruant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for Dauid, and will giue Israel vnto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of Dauid, but not for euer.

40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Ieroboam, and Ieroboam arose, and fledde into Egypt, vnto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt vntill the death of Solomon.

41 ¶ And the rest of the actes of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the booke of the actes of Solomon? *¶ Or, words, or things.*

42 And the time that Solomon reigned in Ierusalem, ouer all Israel, was ** fourtie yeeres.* *† Heb. dayes.*

43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the citie of Dauid his father: and ** Rehoboam* his sonne reigned in his stead. ** 2. Chron. 9. 30. Mat. 1. 7. called Roboam.*

CHAP. XII.

1 The Israelites assembled at Shechem to crowne Rehoboam, by Ieroboam make a suite of relaxation vnto him. 6 Rehoboam refusing the olde mens counsell, by the aduice of young men, answereth them roughly. 16 Ten tribes reuolting, kill Adoram, and make Rehoboam to flee. 21 Rehoboam raising an armie, is forbidden by Shemaiah. 25 Ieroboam strengtheneth himselfe by cities, 26 and by the idolatrie of the two calues.

AND ** Rehoboam* went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. ** 2. Chron. 10. 1.*

2 And it came to passe when Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who was yet in ** Egypt*, heard of it (for hee was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Ieroboam dwelt in Egypt:) ** Chap. 11. 40.*

3 That they sent, and called him: and Ieroboam and all the Congregation of Israel came, and spake vnto Rehoboam, saying;

4 Thy father made our ** yoke* grieuous: now therefore, make thou the grieuous seruice of thy father, and his heauy yoke which he put vpon vs, lighter, and we will serue thee. ** Chap. 4.*

5 And hee said vnto them, Depart yet for three daies, then come againe to me.

me. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men that stood before Solomon his father, while he yet liued, and said, How doe you aduise, that *I* may answere this people?

7 And they spake vnto him, saying, If thou wilt be a seruant vnto this people this day, and wilt serue them, and answere them, and speake good words to them, then they will be thy seruants for euer.

8 But hee forsooke the counsell of the old men, which they had giuen him, and consulted with the yong men, that were growen vp with him, *and* which stood before him.

9 And hee said vnto them, What counsell giue ye, that we may answere this people, who haue spoken to mee, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put vpon vs, lighter?

10 And the young men that were growen vp with him, spake vnto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speake vnto this people that spake vnto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heauy, but make thou it lighter vnto vs; thus shalt thou say vnto them, My litle *finger* shall bee thicker then my fathers loynes.

11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heauy yoke, I wil adde to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whippes, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

12 ¶ So Ieroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me againe the third day.

13 And the king answered the people †roughly, and forsooke the old mens counsell that they gaue him:

14 And spake to them after the counsell of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heauy, and I will adde to your yoke; my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not vnto the people: for the cause was from the LORD, that hee might performe his saying, which the LORD spake by *Ahiiah the Shilonite vnto Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat.

*Chap. 11.
11.

16 ¶ So when all Israel saw that the king hearkned not vnto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion haue we in Dauid? nei-

ther *haue we* inheritance in the sonne of Iesse: to your tents, O Israel: nowe see to thine owne house, Dauid. So Israel departed vnto their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Iudah, Rehoboam reigned ouer them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* ouer the tribute, and all Israel stoned him with stones that hee died: therefore king Rehoboam †made speed to get him vp to his charet, to flee to Ierusalem.

† *Heb.*
streng-
thened
himselfe.
|| *Or, fell*
away.

19 So Israel || rebelled against the house of Dauid vnto this day.

20 And it came to passe when all Israel heard that Ieroboam was come againe, that they sent and called him vnto the Congregation, and made him king ouer all Israel: there was none that followed the house of Dauid, but the tribe of Iudah *onely.

* Chap. 11.

21 ¶ And when Rehoboam was come to Ierusalem, hee assembled all the house of Iudah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourescore thousand chosen men which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdome againe to Rehoboam the sonne of Solomon.

13.

22 But *the word of God came vnto Shemaiah, the man of God, saying,

* 2. Chron.
11. 2.

23 Speake vnto Rehoboam the sonne of Solomon king of Iudah, and vnto all the house of Iudah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not goe vp, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: returne euery man to his house, for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25 ¶ Then Ieroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein, and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

26 And Ieroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdome returne to the house of Dauid:

27 If this people goe vp, to doe sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Ierusalem, then shall the heart of this people turne againe vnto their lorde, *euē* vnto Rehoboam king of Iudah, and they shall kill mee, and goe againe to Rehoboam king of Iudah.

28 Where-

28 Whereupon the king tooke counsell, and made two calues of gold, and said vnto them, It is too much for you
 * Exod. 32. 8. to goe vp to Ierusalem: * Behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee vp out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sinne: for the people went to worship before the one, euen vnto Dan.

31 And he made an house of hie places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sonnes of Leui.

32 And Ieroboam ordeined a feast in the eight moneth, on the fifteenth day of the moneth, like vnto the feast that is in Judah, and he ||offered vpon the altar (so did he in Bethel,) ||sacrificing vnto the calues that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

|| Or, went
vp to the al-
tar &c.

|| Or to sa-
crifice.

|| Or, went
vp to the al-
tar &c.

33 So hee ||offered vpon the altar, which hee had made in Bethel, the fifteenth day of the eighth moneth, euen in the moneth which he had deuised of his owne heart: and ordeined a feast vnto the children of Israel, and he offered vpon the altar, †and burnt incense.

† Hebr. to
burne in-
cense.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Ieroboams hand, that offered violence to him that prophesied against his altar at Bethel, withereth, 6 and at the prayer of the Prophet is restored. 7 The Prophet, refusing the kings intertainment, departeth from Bethel. 11 An old Prophet, seducing him, bringeth him backe. 20 He is reprooued by God, 23 slaine by a Lion, 26 buried by the old Prophet, 31 Who confirmeth his prophecie. 33 Ieroboams obstinacie.

ANd behold, there came a man of God out of Iudah by the word of the LORD vnto Bethel: and Ieroboam stood by the altar to ||burne incense.

|| Or, to
offer.

* 2. King.
23. 17.

2 And hee cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, thus saith the LORD, Behold, a child shalbe borne vnto the house of Dauid, * Iosiah by name, and vpon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burne incense vpon thee, and mens bones shall bee burnt vpon thee.

3 And he gaue a signe the same day,

saying, This is the signe which the LORD hath spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are vpon it, shalbe powred out.

4 And it came to passe when king Ieroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him: And his hand which hee put foorth against him, dried vp, so that hee could not pull it in againe to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes powred out from the altar, according to the signe which the man of God had giuen by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered, and said vnto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for mee, that my hand may be restored mee againe. And the man of God besought †the LORD, and the kings hand was restored againe, and became as it was before.

† *Hebr, the
face of the
LORD.*

7 And the king said vnto the man of God, Come home with mee, and refresh thy selfe, and I wil giue thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said vnto the king, If thou wilt giue mee halfe thine house, I will not goe in with thee, neither will I eat bread, nor drinke water in this place:

9 For so was it charged mee by the word of the LORD, saying, Eate no bread, nor drinke water, nor turne again by the same way that thou camest.

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that hee came to Bethel.

11 ¶ Now there dwelt an old Prophet in Bethel, and his sonne came and told him all the workes that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which hee had spoken vnto the king, them they tolde also to their father.

12 And their father said vnto them, What way went he? for his sonnes had seene what way the man of God went, which came from Iudah.

13 And hee saide vnto his sonnes, Saddle me the asse. So they sadled him the asse, and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting vnder an oke; and he said vnto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Iudah? And he said, I am.

15 Then

slaine by a lyon.

I. Kings.

15 Then hee said vnto him, Come home with me, and eate bread.

16 And he said, I may not returne with thee, nor goe in with thee: neither will I eat bread, nor drinke water with thee in this place.

† *Hebr. a word was.*

17 For †it was said to mee by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eate no bread, nor drinke water there, nor turne againe to go by the way that thou camest.

18 He said vnto him, I *am* a prophet also as thou *art*, and an angel spake vnto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him backe with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread, and drinke water: *But* he lied vnto him.

19 So he went backe with him, and did eate bread in his house, and dranke water.

20 ¶ And it came to passe as they sate at the table, that the word of the LORD came vnto the prophet that brought him backe:

21 And he cried vnto the man of God that came from Iudah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeied the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandement which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest backe, and hast eaten bread, and drunke water, in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eate no bread, and drinke no water; thy carcaise shall not come vnto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 ¶ And it came to passe after he had eaten bread, and after hee had drunke, that he sadled for him the asse, *to wit*, for the Prophet, whome hee had brought backe.

24 And when he was gone, a lyon met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcaise was cast in the way, and the asse stood by it, the lyon also stood by the carcaise.

25 And beholde, men passed by, and saw the carcaise cast in the way, and the lyon standing by the carcaise: and they came and told it in the citie where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way, heard *thereof*, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient vnto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD

† *Heb. broken.*

hath deliuered him vnto the lion, which hath †torne him, and slaine him, accor-

ding to the word of the LORD, which he spake vnto him.

27 And he spake to his sonnes, saying, Saddle me the asse : and they sadled *him*.

28 And he went and found his carcaise cast in the way, and the asse and the lyon standing by the carcaise : the lyon had not eaten the carcaise, nor †torne the asse.

† *Heb. broken.*

29 And the prophet tooke vp the carcaise of the man of God, and laid it vpon the asse, and brought it backe : and the old prophet came to the city, to mourne, and to burie him.

30 And hee laid his carcaise in his owne graue, and they mourned ouer him, *saying*, Alas my brother.

31 And it came to passe after hee had buried him, that he spake to his sonnes, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre, wherein the man of God is buried, lay my bones beside his bones.

32 For the saying which hee cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to passe.

33 ¶ After this thing, Ieroboam returned not from his euill way, but †made againe of the lowest of the people priests of the high places : whosoever would, he †consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

† *Heb. returned and made.*

34 And this thing became sinne vnto the house of Ieroboam, euen to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

† *Heb. filled his hand.*

CHAP. XIII.

1 Abijah being sicke, Ieroboam sendeth his wife disguised with Presents to the prophet Ahijah at Shiloh. 5 Ahijah forewarned by God, denounceth Gods iudgement. 17 Abijah dieth and is buried. 19 Nadab succeedeth Ieroboam. 21 Rehoboams wicked reigne. 25 Shishak spoileth Ierusalem. 29 Abiiah succeedeth Rehoboam.

AT that time Abiiah the sonne of Ieroboam fell sicke.

2 And Ieroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thy selfe, that thou be not knowen to be the wife of Ieroboam : and get thee to Shiloh : Behold, there

* Chap. 11. there is Ahiah the Prophet, which told mee that * I should
37- be king over this people.

+ 15. 16. 17. And take + with thee ten lounes, and cracknels, and a
18. 19. cruse of home, and goe to him: he shall tell thee what shall
20. 21. become of the childer.

+ 22. 23. And Ieroboams wife did so, and arose, and went to
24. 25. Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahiah: but Ahiah could
26. 27. not see, for his eyes + were set by reason of his age.

+ 28. 29. And the LORD said vnto Ahiah, Behold, the wife of
30. 31. Ieroboam commeth to aske a thing of thee for her sonne, for
32. 33. hee is sicke: thus and thus shalt thou say vnto her: for it
34. 35. shall be when shee commeth in, that shee shall finne her selfe
36. 37. to be another woman.

+ 38. 39. And it was so, when Ahiah heard the sound of her feet,
40. 41. as she came in at the doore, that hee said, Come in, thou
42. 43. wife of Ieroboam, why finnest thou thy selfe to be another?
44. 45. for I am sent to thee with + heauie tidings.

+ 46. 47. Goe, tell Ieroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel,
48. 49. Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and
50. 51. made thee prince over my people Israel,

+ 52. 53. And rent the kingdome away from the house of David,
54. 55. and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not beene as my seruant
56. 57. David, who kept my Commandements, and who followed
58. 59. mee with all his heart, to doe that onely which was right in
60. 61. mine eyes,

+ 62. 63. But hast done euill aboue all that were before thee: for
64. 65. thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images,
66. 67. to prouoke me to anger, and hast cast me behinde thy
68. 69. backe:

+ 70. 71. Therefore behold, * I will bring euill vpon the house of
72. 73. Ieroboam, and will cut off from Ieroboam, * him that posseth
74. 75. against the wall, and him that is shut vp and left in Israel,
76. 77. and will take away the remnant of the house of Ieroboam,
78. 79. as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

+ 80. 81. Him that dieth of Ieroboam in the citie, shall the dogs
82. 83. eate: and him that dieth in the field, shall the foules of the
84. 85. aire eate: for the LORD hath spoken it.

+ 86. 87. Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine owne house: and
88. 89. when thy feete enter into the citie, the child shall die.

+ 90. 91. And all Israel shall mourne for

him, and bury him: for he onely of Ieroboam shal come to the graine, because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD God of Israel, in the house of Ieroboam.

14 Moreover, the LORD shall raise him vp a king ouer Israel, who shal cut off the house of Ieroboam that day: but what? euen now.

15 For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reede is shaken in the water, and hee shall root vp Israel out of this good land, which hee gaue to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the River, because they haue made their groues, prouoking the LORD to anger.

16 And hee shall giue Israel vp, because of the sinnes of Ieroboam, who did sinne, & who made Israel to sinne.

17 ¶ And Ieroboams wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when shee came to the threshold of the doore, the child died.

18 And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which hee spake by the hand of his seruant Ahijah the Prophet.

19 And the rest of the actes of Ieroboam, how hee warred, and how hee reigned, behold, they are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the dayes which Ieroboam reigned, were two and twentie yeeres: and he †slept with his fathers, and Nadab ^{† 25. by} ^{drawes.} his sonne reigned in his stead.

21 ¶ And Rehoboam the sonne of Solomon reigned in Iudah: *Rehoboam was fourtie and one yeeres olde when he began ^{* 2. Chron.} ^{12. 13.} to reigne, and hee reigned seventene yeeres in Ierusalem, the cite which the LORD did chuse out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his Name there: and his mothers name was Naamah an Ammonitresse.

22 And Iudah did euill in the sight of the LORD, and they prouoked him to ialousie with their sinnes which they had committed, aboue all that their fathers had done.

23 For they also built them high places, and Images, and groues on every high hill, and vnder every greene tree. <sup>† Gen. stand-
ing vnder
tree, or
statues.</sup>

24 And there were also Sodomitites in the land, and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the

the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

25 ¶ And it came to passe in the fift yeere of king Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came vp against Ierusalem:

26 And he tooke away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the kings house, hee euen tooke away all: and he tooke away all the shields of gold * which Solomon had made.

* Chap. 10.
16.

27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brasen shields, and committed them vnto the hands of the chiefe of the † guard, which kept the doore of the kings house.

† Heb.
runners.

28 And it was so, wher. the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them backe into the guard-chamber.

29 ¶ Nowe the rest of the actes of Rehoboam, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

30 And there was warre betweene Rehoboam and Ieroboam all *their* dayes.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dauid: and his mothers name was Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

1 Abiiahs wicked reigne. 7 Asa succeedeth him. 9 Asas good reigne.
16 The warre betweene Baasha and him, causeth him to make a league with Benhadad. 23 Iehoshaphat succeedeth Asa. 25 Nadabs wicked reigne. 27 Baasha conspiring against him executeth Abiiahs prophecy. 31 Nadabs acts and death. 33 Baashas wicked reigne.

* 2. Chro.
11. 22.

N Owe in the eighteenth yeere of king * Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, reigned Abijam ouer Iudah.

2 Three yeeres reigned hee in Ierusalem: and his mothers name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

3 And he walked in all the sinnes of his father, which hee had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of Dauid his father.

4 Neuerthelesse, for Dauids sake did the LORD his God giue him a ||lampe in Ierusalem, to set vp his sonne after || *Or, candle.* him, and to establish Ierusalem:

5 Because Dauid did that which *was* right in the eies of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the daies of his life, *saue onely in the matter of Vriiah the Hittite. ** 2. Sam. 11 4. and 12. 9.*

6 And there was warre betweene Rehoboam and Ieroboam all the dayes of his life.

7 Now the rest of the actes of Abiiam, and all that hee did, are they not written in the *booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah? And there was warre betweene Abiiam ** 2. Chron. 13. 3.* and Ieroboam.

8 And Abiiam slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the citie of Dauid: and Asa his sonne reigned in his stead.

9 ¶ And *in the twentieth yeere of Ieroboam king of Israel, reigned Asa ouer Iudah. ** 2. Chron. 14. 1.*

10 And forty and one yeeres reigned hee in Ierusalem: and his ||mothers name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abisha- || *That is, grand-mother.* lom.

11 And Asa did that which *was* right in the eies of the LORD, as did Dauid his father.

12 And hee tooke away the Sodomites out of the land, and remooued all the idoles that his fathers had made.

13 And also *Maachah his mother, euen her hee remoued from *being* Queene, because she had made an idole in a groue, and Asa †destroyed her idole, and burnt *it* by the brooke Kidron. ** 2. Chron. 15. 16. † Heb. cut off.*

14 But the high places were not remooued: neuerthelesse, Asa his heart was perfect with the LORD all his dayes.

15 And he brought in the †things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himselfe had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, siluer, and gold, and vessels. *† Heb. holy.*

16 ¶ And there was war betweene Asa and Baasha King of Israel all their dayes.

17 And Baasha king of Israel went vp against Iudah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to goe out or come in to Asa king of Iudah.

18 Then

* 2. Chron.
16. 2.

18 Then Asa tooke all the siluer and the golde that *were* left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the kings house, and deliuered them into the hand of his seruants: and king Asa sent them to *Benhadad the sonne of Tabrimon, the sonne of Hezion king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

† *Hebr. goe
vp.*

19 *There is* a league betweene me and thee, *and* betweene my father and thy father: behold, I haue sent vnto thee a present of siluer and gold; come and breake the league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may †depart from me.

20 So Benhadad hearkened vnto king Asa, and sent the captaines of the hosts, which he had, against the cities of Israel, and smote Iion, and Dan, and Abel-Bethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

21 And it came to passe when Baasha heard *thereof*, that hee left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.

† *Hebr.
free.*

22 Then king Asa made a Proclamation throughout all Iudah, (none *was* †exempted:) and they tooke away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof wherewith Baasha had builded, and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which hee built, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah? Neuerthelesse in the time of his old age, hee was diseased in his feete.

* Matth 1.
8. *called Io-
saphat.*
† *Hebr.
reigned.*

24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers, in the citie of Dauid his father: and *Iehoshaphat his sonne reigned in his stead.

25 ¶ And Nadab the sonne of Ieroboam †began to reigne ouer Israel, in the second yeere of Asa king of Iudah, and reigned ouer Israel two yeeres.

26 And he did euill in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sinne wherewith hee made Israel to sinne.

27 ¶ And Baasha the sonne of Ahiiiah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him, and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belongeth to the Philistines, (for Nadab and all Israel layd siege to Gibbethon,)

28 Euen in the third yeere of Asa

king of Iudah, did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead.

29 And it came to passe when hee raigned, that he smote all the house Ieroboam, hee left not to Ieroboam any that breathed, vntill hee had destroyed him, according vnto *the *Chap. 14. saying of the LORD, which hee spake by his seruant Ahiah 10. the Shilonite :

30 Because of the sinnes of Ieroboam which he sinned, and which hee made Israel sinne, by his prouocation wherewith he prouoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

31 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

32 And there was warre betweene Asa and Baasha king of Israel al their dayes.

33 In the third yeere of Asa King of Iudah, began Baasha the sonne of Ahiah to reigne ouer all Israel in Tirzah, twentie and foure yeeres.

34 And hee did euill in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Ieroboam, and in his sinne wherewith he made Israel to sinne.

CHAP. XVI.

1. 7 Iehus prophesie against Baasha. 5 Elah succeedeth him. 8 Zimri conspiring against Elah, succeedeth him. 11 Zimri executeth Iehus prophesie. 15 Omri made King by the souldiers, forceth Zimri desperatly to burne himselfe. 21 The kingdome being diuided, Omri preuaileth against Tibni. 23 Omri buildeth Samaria. 25 His wicked reigne. 27 Ahab succeedeth him. 29 Ahabs most wicked reigne. 34 Ioshuas curse vpon Hiel the builder of Iericho.

THen the word of the LORD came to Iehu the sonne of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee Prince ouer my people Israel, and thou hast walked in the way of Ieroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sinne, to prouoke mee to anger with their sinnes :

3 Behold, I will take away the posteritie of Baasha, and the posteritie of his house: and will make thy house like *the *Chap. 15. house of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat. 29.

4 * Him

* Chap. 14. 11. 4 * Him that dieth of Baasha in the citie, shall the dogs eate : and him that dieth of his in the fields, shall the foules of the aire eate.

* 2. Chron. 16. 1. 5 Now the rest of the actes of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the *booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

6 So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah, and Elah his sonne reigned in his stead.

7 And also by the hand of the prophet Iehu the sonne of Hanani, came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, euen for all the euill that hee did in the sight of the LORD, in prouoking him to anger with the worke of his hands, in being like the house of Ieroboam, and because he killed him.

8 ¶ In the twentieth and sixt yeere of Asa king of Iudah, began Elah the sonne of Baasha to reigne ouer Israel in Tirzah, two yeeres.

9 And his seruant Zimri (captaine of halfe his charets) conspired against him as he was in Tirzah drinking himselfe drunke in the house of Arza † steward of his house in Tirzah.

† Heb. which was ouer.

10 And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twentie and seuenth yeere of Asa king of Iudah, and reigned in his stead.

11 ¶ And it came to passe when hee began to reigne, assoone as hee sate on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha : hee left him not one that pisseth against a wall, || neither of his kinsfolkes, nor of his friends.

|| Or, both his kinsmen and his friends.

12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha † by Iehu the prophet,

† Heb. by the hand of.

13 For all the sinnes of Baasha and the sinnes of Elah his sonne, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sinne, in prouoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

14 Now the rest of the actes of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

15 ¶ In the twentie and seuenth yeere of Asa king of Iudah, did Zimri reigne seuen dayes in Tirzah : and the people were encamped against Gibbethon which *belonged* to the Philistines.

16 And the people that were encam-

ped, heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slaine the king: Wherefore all Israel made Omri the captaine of the hoste, king ouer Israel that day, in the campe.

17 And Omri went vp from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah.

18 And it came to passe when Zimri saw that the citie was taken, that hee went into the palace of the kings house, and burnt the kings house ouer him with fire, and died,

19 For his sinnes which he sinned in doing euill in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Ieroboam, and in his sinne which he did, to make Israel sinne.

20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that hee wrought, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

21 ¶ Then were the people of Israel diuided into two parts: halfe of the people followed Tibni the sonne of Ginath, to make him king: and halfe followed Omri.

22 But the people that followed Omri preuailed against the people that followed Tibni the sonne of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

23 ¶ In the thirtie and one yeere of Asa king of Iudah, began Omri to reigne ouer Israel twelue yeeres: sixe yeeres reigned he in Tirzah.

24 And hee bought the hill Samaria of Shemer, for two talents of siluer, and built on the hill, and called the name of the citie which hee built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, †Samaria.

25 ¶ But Omri wrought euil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse then all that *were* before him.

† *Heb. Shomeron.*

26 For he walked in all the way of Ieroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sinne wherewith hee made Israel to sinne, to prouoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Omri, which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

28 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria, and Ahab his sonne reigned in his stead.

29 ¶ And in the thirtie and eight yeere of Asa king of Iudah, began Ahab

Ahab the sonne of Omri to reigne ouer Israel, and Ahab the sonne of Omri reigned ouer Israel in Samaria, twentie and two yeeres.

30 And Ahab the sonne of Omri did euill in the sight of the LORD, aboue all that *were* before him.

† *Heb. was it a light thing? &c.*

31 And it came to passe, †as if it had beene a light thing for him to walke in the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat; that hee tooke to wife Iezabel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and serued Baal, and worshipped him.

32 And hee reared vp an Altar for Baal, in the house of Baal, which hee had built in Samaria.

33 And Ahab made a groue, and Ahab did more to prouoke the LORD God of Israel to anger, then all the kings of Israel that were before him.

34 ¶ In his dayes did Hiel the Bethelite build Iericho: he laid the foundation therof in Abiram his first borne, and set vp the gates thereof in his yongest sonne Segub, *according to the word of the LORD, which hee spake by Ioshua the sonne of Nun.

* Iosh. 6.
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CHAP. XVII.

1 Elijah hauing prophecied against Ahab, is sent to Cherith, where the rauens feed him. 8 He is sent to the widow of Zarephath. 17 Hee raiseth the widowes sonne. 24 The woman beleeueth him.

† *Heb. Eli- iahu. Luke 4. 25. he is called Elias.*

* Ecclus.

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AND †Eliiah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said vnto Ahab, *As the LORD God of Israel liueth, before whome I stand, there shall not be deaw nor raine these yeres, but according to my word.

2 And the worde of the LORD came vnto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turne thee Eastward, and hide thy selfe by the brooke Cherith, that *is* before Iordane.

4 And it shall bee, *that* thou shalt drinke of the brooke, and I haue commanded the rauens to feed thee there.

5 So hee went, and did according vnto the word of the LORD: for hee went and dwelt by the brooke Cherith, that *is* before Iordane.

6 And the rauens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the euening: and hee dranke of the brooke.

7 And it came to passe †after a while, that the brooke dried vp, because there had beene no raine in the land. † *Heb. at the end of dayes.*

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came vnto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to *Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, * Luke 4. 26. *called Sarepta.* and dwell there: behold, I haue commaunded a widow woman there to sustaine thee.

20 So he arose, and went to Zarephath: and when he came to the gate of the citie, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of stickes: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessell, that I may drinke.

11 And as shee was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring mee, I pray thee, a morsell of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liueth, I haue not a cake, but an handfull of meale in a barrell, and a little oyle in a cruse: and behold, I am gathering two stickes, that I may goe in, and dresse it for me and my sonne, that we may eate it, and die.

13 And Eliiah said vnto her, Feare not, goe, *and* doe as thou hast said: but make mee thereof a little cake first, and bring it vnto mee, and after make for thee, and for thy sonne.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrell of meale shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oyle faile, vntill the day *that* the LORD †sendeth raine vpon the earth. † *Heb. giueth.*

15 And shee went, and did according to the saying of Eliiah: and she, and he, and her house did eate || *many dayes.* || *Or, a full yeere.*

16 *And* the barrell of meale wasted not, neither did the cruse of oyle faile, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake †by Eliiah.

17 ¶ And it came to passe after these things, *that* the sonne of the woman, the mistresse of the house, fell sicke, and his sicknesse was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. † *Heb. by the hand of.*

18 And shee sayd vnto Eliiah, What haue I to doe with thee? O thou man of God! Art thou come vnto me to call my sinne to remembrance, and to slay my sonne?

19 And he said vnto her, Giue me thy sonne. And he tooke him out of her bosome, and caried him vp into a loft, where he abode, and laide him vpon his owne bed.

20 And

20 And hee cried vnto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought euill vpon the widow, with whom I sojourne, by slaying her sonne?

† *Hebr.*
measured.

21 And he †stretched himselfe vpon the child three times, and cried vnto the LORD, and said; O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this chilles soule come †into him againe.

† *Hebr.*
into his
inward
parts.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Eliiah, and the soule of the child came into him againe, and he reuiued.

23 And Eliiah tooke the childe, and brought him downe out of the chamber into the house, and deliuered him vnto his mother: and Eliiah said, See, thy sonne liueth.

24 ¶ And the woman said to Eliiah, Now by this I know, that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* trueth.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 In the extremitie of famine Eliiah sent to Ahab, meeteth good Obadiah. 9 Obadiah bringeth Ahab to Eliiah. 17 Eliiah reproving Ahab, by fire from heauen conuinceth Baals prophets. 41 Eliiah by prayer obtaining raine, followeth Ahab to Iezreel.

And it came to passe *after* many daies, that the word of the LORD came to Eliiah in the third yeere, saying, Goe shewe thy selfe vnto Ahab, and I will send raine vpon the earth.

2 And Eliiah went to shew himselfe vnto Ahab, and *there* was a sore famine in Samaria.

† *Hebr.*
Obadiah.

3 And Ahab called †Obadiah which *was* †the gouernour of his house: (now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly:

† *Hebr.*
ouer his
house.
† *Hebr.*
Izebel.

4 For it was so, when †Izebel cut off the Prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah tooke an hundred Prophets, and hid them by fiftie in a caue, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said vnto Obadiah, Goe into the land, vnto all fountaines of water, and vnto all brookes: peraduenture we may finde grasse to saue the horses and mules aliue, that we †leese not all the beasts.

† *Hebr.*
that we cut
not off our
selues from
the beasts.

6 So they diuided the land betweene them to passe throughout it: Ahab went one way by himselfe, and Obadiah went another way by himselfe.

7 ¶ And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Eliiah met him: and hee knew him, and fell on his face, and said; *Art thou that my lord Eliiah?*

8 And he answered him, I am: goe, tell thy lord, Behold, Eliiah *is here.*

9 And he said, What haue I sinned, that thou wouldest deliuer thy seruant into the hand of Ahab, to slay mee?

10 As the LORD thy God liueth, there is no nation or kingdome, whither my lord hath not sent to seeke thee: and when they said, He is not *there*, hee tooke an oath of the kingdome and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Goe, tell thy lord, Behold, Eliiah *is here.*

12 And it shall come to passe, *as soone* as I am gone from thee, that the spirit of the LORD shall cary thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot finde thee, he shall slay mee: but I thy seruant feare the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord, what I did when Iezebel slew the Prophets of the LORD? how I hid an hundred men of the LORDS Prophets, by fiftie in a caue, and fedde them with bread and water?

14 And now thou sayest, Goe, tell thy lord, Behold, Eliiah *is here*; and hee shall slay me.

15 And Eliiah said, As the LORD of hostes liueth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew my selfe vnto him to day.

16 So Obadiah went to meete Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meete Eliiah.

17 ¶ And it came to passe when Ahab saw Eliiah, that Ahab saide vnto him, Art thou hee that troubleth Israel?

18 And hee answered, I haue not troubled Israel, but thou and thy fathers house, in that yee haue forsaken the Commandements of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

19 Now therefore send, *and* gather to mee all Israel vnto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal foure hundred and fiftie, and the prophets of the groues foure hundred, which eate at Iezebels table.

20 So Ahab sent vnto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together vnto mount Carmel.

21 And Eliiah came vnto all the people, and said, How long halt yee betweene two ||opinions? If the LORD bee God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him: and the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Eliiah vnto the people, I, *euen* I onely remaine a Prophet of the LORD: but Baals prophets *are* foure hundred and fiftie men.

23 Let them therefore giue vs two bullocks, and let them chuse one bullocke for themselues, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire vnder: and I will dresse the other bullocke, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire vnder.

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the Name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered, and said, †It is well spoken.

25 And Eliiah said vnto the prophets of Baal, Chuse you one bullocke for your selues, and dresse *it* first, for yee *are* many: and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire vnder.

26 And they took the bullocke which was giuen them, and they dressed *it*, and called on the name of Baal from morning, *euen* vntil noone, saying, O Baal, ||heare vs. But there was no voyce, nor any that ||answered: And they ||leapt vpon the altar which was made.

27 And it came to passe at noone, that Eliiah mocked them, and saide, Crie †aloud: for he *is* a god, either ||he is talking, or he †is pursuing, or hee is in a iourney, *or* peraduenture he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

28 And they cried loud, and cut themselues after their maner, with kniues, and lancers, till †thé blood gushed out vpon them.

29 And it came to passe when midday was past, and they prophesied vntil the *time* of the †offering of the *euening* sacrifice; *that there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor †any that regarded.

30 And Eliiah said vnto all the people, Come neere vnto me. And all the people came neere vnto him. And he repaired the Altar of the LORD that was broken downe.

31 And Eliiah tooke twelue stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sonnes of Iacob, vnto whome the word of the LORD came, saying,

|| Or,
thoughts.

† Hebr. the
word is
good.

|| Or, an-
swere.
|| Or,
heard.

|| Or, leaped
vp &
downe at
the altar.

† Hebr. with
a great
voice

|| Or, he
meditateth.

† Hebr. hath
a pursuit.

† Hebr.
poured out
blood vpon
them.

† Hebr. as-
cending.

† Hebr. at-
tention.

* Israel shall bee thy name.

* Gen. 32.
28. 2. king.
17. 34.

32 And with the stones hee built an altar in the Name of the LORD, and hee made a trench about the altar, as great as would containe two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullocke in pieces, and laide him on the wood, and said, Fill foure barrells with water, and powre it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And hee said, Doe it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Doe it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water †ran round about the altar, and hee filled the trench also with water. † Heb. went.

36 And it came to passe at the time of the offering of the *euening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came neere and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, Let it bee knowen this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that I am* thy seruant, and *that* I haue done all these things at thy word.

37 Heare me, O LORD, heare me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart backe againe.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked vp the water that *was* in the trench.

39 And when all the people sawe it, they fell on their faces: and they saide, The LORD, he *is* the God, the LORD, he *is* the God.

40 And Elijah saide vnto them, || Take the prophets of Baal, || Or, apprehend. let not one of them escape: And they tooke them, and Elijah brought them downe to the brooke Kishon, and slewe them there.

41 ¶ And Elijah said vnto Ahab, Get thee vp, eate and drinke, for there *is* || a sound of abundance of raine.

42 So Ahab went vp to eate and to drinke, and Elijah went vp to the top of Carmel, and he cast himselfe downe vpon the earth, and put his face betweene his knees, || Or, a sound of a noise of raine.

43 And said to his seruant, Goe vp now, looke toward the Sea. And hee went vp, and looked, and saide, *There is* nothing. And he said, Goe againe seuen times.

44 And it came to passe at the seuenth

† *Heb. tie,
or binde.*

uenth time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the Sea, like a mans hand. And he said, Goe vp, say vnto Ahab, † Prepare *thy charet*, and get thee downe, that the raine stop thee not.

45 And it came to passe in the meane while, that the heauen was blacke with cloudes and winde, and there was a great raine: and Ahab rode and went to Iezreel.

† *Heb. till
thou come
to Iezreel.*

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Eliiah; and hee girded vp his loynes, and ranne before Ahab, † to the entrance of Iezreel.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Eliiah threatned by Iezebel, fleeth to Beer-sheba, 4 In the wilderness being wearie of his life, is comforted by an Angel. 9 At Horeb God appeareth vnto him, sending him to anoint Hazael, Iehu, and Elisha. 19 Elisha taking leaue of his friends, followeth Elijah.

AND Ahab told Iezebel all that Eliiah had done, and withall, how hee had slaine all the Prophets with the sword.

2 Then Iezebel sent a messenger vnro Eliiah, saying; So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them, by to morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw *that*, hee arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which *belongeth* to Iudah, and left his seruant there.

† *Heb. for
his life.*

4 ¶ But he himselfe went a dayes iourney into the wilderness, and came and sate downe vnder a Iuniper tree: and hee requested † for himselfe that hee might die, and sayd, *It is enough*, now O LORD, take away my life: for I *am* not better then my fathers.

5 And as hee lay and slept vnder a Iuniper tree, behold then, an Angel touched him, and sayd vnto him, Arise, *and* eate.

† *Heb. bolster.*

6 And he looked, and behold, there was a cake baken on the coales, and a cruse of water at his † head: and hee did eate and drinke, and laide him downe againe.

7 And the Angel of the LORD came againe the second time, and touched him, and sayd, Arise, *and* eate, because the iourney *is* too great for thee.

8 And hee arose, and did eate and

drinke, and went in the strength of that meate fourtie dayes and fourtie nights, vnto Horeb the mount of God.

9 ¶ And he came thither vnto a caue, and lodged there, and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said vnto him, What doest thou here, Eliiah?

10 And hee sayd, I haue beene very iealous for the LORD God of hostes: for the children of Israel haue forsaken thy Couenant, throwen downe thine Altars, and slaine thy Prophets with the sword: and *I, *euē* I onely am left, and they seeke my life, to take it away. * Rom. 11. 3.

11 And he sayd, Goe forth, and stand vpon the mount before the LORD. And beholde, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong winde rent the mountaines, and brake in pieces the rockes, before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the winde: and after the winde an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake.

12 And after the earthquake, a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire, a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Eliiah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entring in of the caue: and behold, *there came* a voice vnto him, and sayd, What doest thou here, Eliiah?

14 And he sayd, I haue beene very iealous for the LORD God of hostes, because the children of Israel haue forsaken thy Couenant, throwen downe thine Altars, and slaine thy Prophets with the sword, and I, *euē* I onely am left, and they seeke my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD sayd vnto him, Goe, returne on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be King ouer Syria.

16 And Iehu the sonne of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to bee king ouer Israel: and *Elisha the sonne of Shaphat of Abel Meholah, shalt thou annoint to be Prophet in thy rouse. * Luk. 4. 27 called Eliseus.

17 And *it shall come to passe, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael, shall Iehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Iehu, shall Elisha slay. * 2. King. 9. 1, 3. ecclus 48. 8.

18 *Yet ¶ I haue left *me* seuen thousand in Israel, all the knees which haue * Rom. 11. 4. ¶ Or, I will leaue.

haue not bowed vnto Baal, and euery mouth which hath not kissed him.

19 ¶ So hee departed thence and found Elisha the sonne of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelue yoke of oxen before him, and hee with the twelfth: and Eliiah passed by him, and cast his mantle vpon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ranne after Eliiah, and said, Let mee, I pray thee, kisse my father and my mother, and then I wil follow thee: and he said vnto him, †Goe backe againe; for what haue I done to thee?

† *Hebr. goe
returne.*

21 And he returned backe from him, and tooke a yoke of oxen, & slew them, and boyled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gaue vnto the people, and they did eat: then he arose, and went after Eliiah, and ministred vnto him.

CHAP. XX.

1 Benhadad not content with Ahabs homage, besiegeth Samaria.

13 By the direction of a Prophet, the Syrians are slaine. 22 As the Prophet sorewarned Ahab, the Syrians trusting in the valleys, come against him in Aphek. 28 By the word of the Prophet, and Gods iudgment, the Syrians are smitten againe. 31 The Syrians submitting themselves, Ahab sendeth Benhadad away with a couenant. 35 The Prophet vnder the parable of a prisoner, making Ahab to iudge himselfe, denounceth Gods iudgement against him.

AND Benhadad the King of Syria gathered all his hoste together, and *there were* thirtie and two kings with him, and horses, and charets: and hee went vp and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

2 And hee sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel, into the city, and saide vnto him, Thus saith Benhadad,

3 Thy siluer and thy gold is mine, thy wiues also, and thy children, *euen* the goodliest, are mine.

4 And the king of Israel answered, and said, My lord O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I haue.

5 And the messengers came againe, and saide, Thus speaketh Benhadad, saying, Although I haue sent vnto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliuer me thy siluer, and thy gold, and thy wiues, and thy children:

6 Yet I will send my seruants vnto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy seruants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is †pleasant †*Heb. desirable.* in thine eies, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away.

7 Then the king of Israel called all the Elders of the land, and saide; Marke, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for hee sent vnto me for my wiues, and for my children, and for my siluer, and for my gold, and †I denied †*Heb. I kept not backe from him.* him not.

8 And all the Elders, and all the people said vnto him; Harken not *vnto him*, nor consent.

9 Wherefore hee said vnto the messengers of Benhadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou diddest send for to thy seruant at the first, I will doe: but this thing I may not doe. And the messengers departed, and brought him word againe.

10 And Benhadad sent vnto him, and said, The gods doe so vnto me and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that †follow me.

11 And the king of Israel answered, and said, Tell *him*, Let not him that girdeth on *his harness*, boast himselfe, as he that putteth it off. †*Heb. are at my feete.*

12 And it came to passe, when *Benhadad* heard this †message (as hee was drinking, he and the kings in the †*Heb. word.* ||pauilions) that hee said vnto his seruants, ||Set *your selues* in †*Or, Tents.* *aray*. And they set *themselves* in *aray* against the citie.

13 ¶ And behold, there †came a Prophet vnto Ahab king †*Heb. Or, place the engins: and they placed engines.* of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seene all this great multitude? behold, I will deliuer it into thine hand this day, and thou shalt knowe that I am the LORD.

14 And Ahab saide, By whom? and he saide, Thus saith the LORD, *Euen* by the ||young men of the Princes of the prouinces: Then he said, Who shall †order the battell? †*Heb. approached. Or, seruants.* And hee answered, Thou.

15 Then he numbred the young men of the Princes of the prouinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them hee numbred all the people, *euen* all the children of Israel, *being* seuen thousand. †*Heb. Bynd, or, tie.*

16 And they went out at noone: But Benhadad

Benhadad was drinking himselfe drunke in the paultions, hee and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him.

17 And the young men of the Princes of the Prouinces went out first, and Benhadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria.

18 And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alieu: or whether they be come out for warre, take them alieu.

19 So these yong men of the princes of the prouinces, came out of the citie, and the armie which followed them:

20 And they slew euery one his man: and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Benhadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse, with the horsemen.

21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and charets, and slewe the Syrians with a great slaughter.

22 ¶ And the Prophet came to the king of Israel, and said vnto him, Goe, strengthen thy selfe, and marke and see what thou doest: for at the returne of the yeere, the king of Syria will come vp against thee.

23 And the seruants of the King of Syria said vnto him, Their gods *are* gods of the hilles, therefore they were stronger then wee: but let vs fight against them in the plaine, and surely we shall be stronger then they.

24 And doe this thing, Take the kings away, euery man out of his place, and put captaines in their rouses.

† *Heb. that was fallen.*

25 And number thee an armie, like the armie † that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and charet for charet: and wee will fight against them in the plaine, *and* surely wee shall be stronger then they. And hee hearkened vnto their voice, and did so.

† *Heb. to the warre with Israel.*

¶ *Or, were victualled.*

26 And it came to passe at the returne of the yeere, that Benhadad numbred the Syrians, and went vp to Aphek, † to fight against Israel.

27 And the children of Israel were numbred, and ¶ were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them, like two little flockes of kids: but the Syrians filled the countrey.

28 ¶ And there came a man of God, and spake vnto the king of Israel, and

sayd, Thus sayth the LORD, Because the Syrians haue sayde, The LORD *is* God of the hilles, but hee *is* not God of the valleys: therefore will I deliuer all this great multitude into thine hand, *and* yee shall know that I am the LORD.

29 And they pitched one ouer against the other seuen daies, and so it was, that in the seuenth day the battell was ioyned: and the children of Israel slewe of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.

30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the citie, and there a wall fell vpon twentie and seuen thousand of the men that were left: and Benhadad fled, and came into the citie, || into an inner chamber.

|| Or, from chamber to chamber. Heb. into a chamber within a chamber.

31 ¶ And his seruants said vnto him, Behold now, wee haue heard that the kings of the house of Israel are mercifull kings: let vs, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loines, and ropes vpon our heads, and goe out to the king of Israel; peradventure he will saue thy life.

32 So they girded sackcloth on their loynes, and *put* ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy seruant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me liue. And he said, Is he yet aliue? he *is* my brother.

33 Now the men did diligently obserue whether any thing would come from him, and did hastily catch *it*: and they saide, Thy brother Benhadad. Then he said, Goe ye, bring him: then Benhadad came forth to him: and hee caused him to come vp into the charet.

34 And *Benhadad* said vnto him, The cities which my father tooke from thy father, I will restore, and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then, *said Ahab*, I will send thee away with this couenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.

35 ¶ And a certaine man of the sonnes of the Prophets, saide vnto his neighbour in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him.

36 Then said he vnto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voyce of the LORD, beholde, assoone as thou art departed from me, a lyon shal slay thee. And assoone as hee was departed from him, a lyon found him, and slew him.

37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man

† *Hebr.*
smiting
and
wounding.

man smote him, so that in † smiting hee wounded *him*.

38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himselfe with ashes vpon his face.

39 And as the king passed by, he cried vnto the king: and he saide, Thy seruant went out into the mids of the battell, and behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man vnto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any meanes he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt † pay a talent of siluer.

† *Heb.*
weigh

† *Heb. hee*
was not.

40 And as thy seruant was busie here and there, † he was gone. And the king of Israel saide vnto him, So *shall* thy iudgement *bee*, thy selfe hast discided *it*.

41 And he hasted, and tooke the ashes away from his face, and the king of Israel discerned him that hee *was* of the Prophets.

* Chap. 22.
38.

42 And hee said vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, * Because thou hast let goe out of *thy* hand, a man whom I appointed to vtter destruction, therefore thy life shall goe for his life, and thy people for his people.

43 And the king of Israel went to his house, heauie, and displeased, and came to Samaria.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Ahab being denied Naboths vineyard, is grieued. 5 Iezebel writing letters against Naboth, he is condemned of blasphemie. 15 Ahab taketh possession of the vineyard. 17 Eliiah denounceth iudgements against Ahab and Iezebel. 25 Wicked Ahab repenting, God deferreth the iudgement.

And it came to passe after these things, that Naboth the Iezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Iezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake vnto Naboth, saying, Giue me thy vineyard, that I may haue it for a garden of herbes, because it *is* neere vnto my house, and I will giue thee for it a better vineyard then it: *or* if it † seeme good to thee, I will giue thee the worth of it in money.

† *Hebr. be*
good in
thine eyes.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it mee, that I should giue the inheritance of my fathers vnto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house, heauie, and displeased, because of the word which Naboth the Iezreelite had spoken to him: for he had saide, I will not giue thee the inheritance of my fathers: and he laid him downe vpon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eate no bread.

5 ¶ But Iezebel his wife came to him, and said vnto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said vnto her, Because I spake vnto Naboth the Iezreelite, and said vnto him, Giue mee thy vineyard for money, or else if it please thee, I will giue thee *another* vineyard for it: And he answered, I wil not giue thee my vineyard.

7 And Iezebel his wife saide vnto him, Doest thou now gouerne the kingdome of Israel? Arise, *and* eate bread, and let thine heart bee merrie: I will giue thee the vineyard of Naboth the Iezreelite.

8 So shee wrote letters in Ahabs name, and sealed *them* with his seale, and sent the letters vnto the Elders, and to the Nobles that were in his citie dwelling with Naboth.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaime a fast, and set Naboth † on high among the people:

10 And set two men, sonnes of Belial before him, to beare witnes against him, saying, Thou diddest blaspheme God and the king: and then carie him out, and stone him that he may die.

† Heb. in
the top of
the people.

11 And the men of his citie, *euen* the Elders and the Nobles who were the inhabitants in his citie, did as Iezebel had sent vnto them, *and* as it was written in the letters which she had sent vnto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sate before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, *euen* against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they caried him foorth out of the citie, and stoned him with stones, that hee died.

14 Then they sent to Iezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

15 ¶ And it came to passe when Iezebel heard that Naboth was stoned and was dead, that Iezebel said to Ahab,

hab, Arise, take possession of the Vineyard of Naboth the Iezreelite, which hee refused to giue thee for money: for Naboth is not aliue, but dead.

16 And it came to passe when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose vp to goe downe to the Vineyard of Naboth the Iezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 ¶ And the word of the LORD came to Eliiah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, goe downe to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in Samaria: behold, hee *is* in the Vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone downe to possesse it.

19 And thou shalt speake vnto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speake vnto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD; In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogges lick thy blood, euen thine.

20 And Ahab said to Eliiah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I haue found *thee*: because thou hast sold thy selfe to worke euill in the sight of the LORD.

* Chap. 14. 21 Behold, *I will bring euill vpon thee, and will take
10. 2. king. away thy posteritie, and will cut off from Ahab *him that
9. 8. pisseth against the wall, and *him that is shut vp, and left
*. 1. Sam. in Israel,

25. 22. 22 And will make thine house like the house of *Ieroboam
* Chap. 14. the sonne of Nebat, and like the house of *Baasha the sonne
10. of Ahiah, for the prouocation wherewith thou hast prouoked
* Chap. 15. mee to anger, and made Israel to sinne.

29. 23 And *of Iezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs
* Chap. 16. shall eate Iezebel by the || wall of Iezreel.

3. 24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the citie, the dogs shall eate:
2. King. 9. and him that dieth in the field, shall the foules of the aire eat.

36. 25 ¶ But there was none like vnto Ahab, which did sell
|| Or, ditch. himselfe to worke wickednesse in the sight of the LORD,
whom Iezebel his wife || stirred vp.

26 And hee did very abominably in following Idoles, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

27 And it came to passe when Ahab heard those wordes, that hee rent his clothes, and put sackcloth vpon his

|| Or, in-
cited.

flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 And the word of the LORD came to Eliiah the Tishbite, saying,

29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himselfe before mee? because hee humbleth himselfe before mee, I will not bring the euill in his dayes: *but* in his sonnes dayes will I bring the euill vpon his house.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Ahab seduced by false prophets, according to the word of Micaiah, is slaine at Ramoth Gilead. 37 The dogges licke vp his blood, and Ahaziah succeedeth him. 41 Iehoshaphats good reigne, 45 his acts. 50 Iehoram succeedeth him. 51 Ahaziahs euil reigne.

AND *they continued three yeeres without warre betweene Syria and Israel. * 1. Chron. 18. 1, &c.

2 And it came to passe on the third yere, that Iehoshaphat the King of Iudah came downe to the king of Israel.

3 (And the king of Israel said vnto his seruants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and wee be †still, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?)

4 And hee said vnto Iehoshaphat, Wilt thou goe with me to battel to Ramoth Gilead? And Iehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, *I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses. † Hebr. silent from taking it. * 2. King.

5 And Iehoshaphat said vnto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day. 3. 7.

6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together about foure hundred men, and said vnto them, Shall I goe against Ramoth Gilead to battell, or shall I forbear? And they said, Goe vp, for the LORD shall deliuer it into the hand of the king.

7 And Iehoshaphat said, *Is* there not here a Prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

8 And the king of Israel said vnto Iehoshaphat, There is yet one man, (Micaiah the sonne of Imlah) by whom we may enquire of the LORD; but I hate him, for he doth not prophesie good concerning me, but euill. And Iehoshaphat said, Let not the King say so.

9 Then the king of Israel called
an

|| Or, Eunnuch.

an || Officer, and said, Hasten *hither* Micaiah the sonne of Imlah.

† Heb. floore.

10 And the King of Israel and Iehoshaphat the King of Iudah sate each on his throne, hauing put on their robes, in a † voyd place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the Prophets prophecied before them.

11 And Zedekiah the sonne of Chenaanah made him hornes of yron: and he sayd, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, vntill thou haue consumed them.

12 And all the Prophets prophecied so, saying; Goe vp to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliuer *it* into the kings hand.

13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah, spake vnto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good vnto the King with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, bee like the word of one of them, and speake *that which is* good.

14 And Micaiah sayde, As the LORD liueth, what the LORD saith vnto me, that will I speake.

15 ¶ So he came to the king, and the king sayd vnto him, Micaiah, shall wee goe against Ramoth Gilead to battell, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliuer *it* into the hand of the king.

16 And the king said vnto him, How many times shall I adiure thee, that thou tell me nothing but that which is true, in the Name of the LORD?

17 And hee sayd, I saw all Israel scattered vpon the hilles, as sheepe that haue not a shepheard. And the LORD said, These haue no master, let them returne euery man to his house in peace.

18 And the King of Israel said vnto Iehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee, that he would prophecie no good concerning me, but euill?

19 And he said, Heare thou therefore the word of the LORD: I sawe the LORD sitting on his Throne, and all the hoste of heauen standing by him, on his right hand and on his left.

|| Or, deceiue.

20 And the LORD said, Who shall ||perswade Ahab, that hee may goe vp and fall at Ramoth Gilead? And one sayd on this manner, and another said on that manner.

21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will perswade him.

22 And the LORD said vnto him, Wherewith? And hee sayd, I will goe foorth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt perswade him, and preuaile also: Goe forth, and doe so.

23 Now therfore behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken euill concerning thee.

24 But Zedekiah the sonne of Chenaanah went neere, and smote Micaiah on the cheeke, and said, *Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me, to speake vnto thee? * 2. Chron. 18. 23.

25 And Micaiah sayde, Beholde, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt goe ||into an inner chamber, to hide thy selfe. || Or, from chamber to chamber.

26 And the King of Israel sayde, Take Micaiah, and cary him backe vnto Amon the gouernour of the citie, and to Ioash the kings sonne: Heb. chamber in a chamber.

27 And say, Thus sayth the King, Put this fellow in the prison, and feede him with bread of affliction, and with water of afflictiō, vntil I come in peace.

28 And Micaiah saide, If thou returne at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, euery one of you.

29 So the King of Israel, and Iehoshaphat the king of Iudah, went vp to Ramoth Gilead.

30 And the king of Israel said vnto Iehoshaphat, ||I wil disguise my selfe, & enter into the battell, but put thou on thy robes. And the King of Israel disguised himselfe, & went into the battell. || Or, when he was to disguise himselfe and enter into the battell.

31 But the King of Syria commanded his thirtie and two Captaines that had rule ouer his charets, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, saue only with the king of Israel.

32 And it came to passe, when the captaines of the charets saw Iehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Iehoshaphat cryed out.

33 And it came to passe, when the captaines of the charets perceiued that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned backe from pursuing him.

34 And a certaine man drew a bow †at a venture, and smote the king of Israel betweene the †ioynts of the harnesse: wherefore hee sayd vnto the driuer of his charet, Turne thine hand, and † Heb. in his simplicity. † Heb. ioynts and the brest-plate.

† *Heb.*
made sicke.
† *Hebr. as-*
cended.
† *Heb.*
bosome.

and cary me out of the hoste, for I am † wounded.

35 And the battell † increased that day: and the king was stayed vp in his charet against the Syrians, and died at euen: and the blood ranne out of the wound, into the † mids of the charet.

36 And there went a proclamation throughout the hoste, about the going downe of the Sunne, saying, Euery man to his citie, and euery man to his owne countrey.

† *Heb.*
came.

37 ¶ So the King died, and † was brought to Samaria, and they buried the king in Samaria.

38 And one washed the charet in the poole of Samaria, and the dogges licked vp his blood, and they washed his armour, according * vnto the word of the LORD which he spake.

* Chap. 21.
19.

39 Now the rest of the actes of Ahab, and all that he did, and the Iuory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

40 So Ahab slept with his fathers, and Ahaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

* 2. Chron.
20. 31.

41 ¶ And * Iehoshaphat the sonne of Asa began to reigne ouer Iudah in the fourth yeere of Ahab King of Israel.

42 Iehoshaphat *was* thirtie and fve yeeres olde when hee began to reigne, and he reigned twentie and fve yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

43 And he walked in all the wayes of Asa his father, hee turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: neuerthelesse,

the high places were not taken away: *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

44 And Iehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the actes of Iehoshaphat, and his might that hee shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah?

46 And the remnant of the Sodomites which remained in the dayes of his father Asa, he tooke out of the land.

47 There was then no king in Edom: a deputie *was* king.

48 Iehoshaphat || made shippes of Tharshish to goe to Ophir || *Or, had ten ships.*
for golde: but they went not, for the shippes were broken
at Ezion Geber.

49 Then said Ahaziah the sonne of Ahab vnto Iehoshaphat, Let my seruants goe with thy seruants in the ships: But Iehoshaphat would not.

50 ¶ And Iehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his father: and Iehoram his sonne reigned in his stead.

51 ¶ Ahaziah the sonne of Ahab began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria the seuateenth yeere of Iehoshaphat king of Iudah, and reigned two yeres ouer Israel.

52 And he did euill in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

53 For he serued Baal, and worshipped him, and prouoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according vnto all that his father had done.

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CHAP. I.

1 Moab rebelleth. 2 Ahaziah, sending to Baalzebub, hath his iudgement by Eliiah. 5 Eliiah twice bringeth fire from heauen vpon them whom Ahaziah sent to apprehend him. 13 He pitieth the third captaine, and encouraged by an Angel, telleth the King of his death. 17 Iehoram succeedeth Ahaziah.

* Chap. 3.
5.

THEN Moab rebelled against Israel, *after the death of Ahab.

2 And Ahaziah fel downe thorow a lattesse in his vpper chamber that *was* in Samaria, and was sicke: and he sent messengers, and said vnto them, Goe, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, whether I shal recouer of this disease.

3 But the Angel of the LORD said to Eliiah the Tishbite, Arise, goe vp to meete the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say vnto them, *Is* it not because there is not a God in Israel, *that* ye goe to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron?

† *Heb. the
bed,
whither
thou art
gone vp,
thou shalt
not come
downe
from it.*

4 Now therefore, thus sayeth the LORD, † Thou shalt not come downe from that bed on which thou art gone vp, but shalt surely die. And Eliiah departed.

5 ¶ And when the messengers turned backe vnto him, he said vnto them, Why are ye now turned backe?

6 And they said vnto him, There came a man vp to meet vs, and said vnto vs, Goe, turne againe vnto the king that sent you, and say vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is* it not because there is not a God in Israel, *that* thou sendest to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come

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downe from that bedde on which thou art gone vp, but shalt surely die.

7 And hee said vnto them, †What maner of man *was he* †*Heb. what was the maner* which came vp to meet you, and told you these words?

8 And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt *of the* with a girdle of leather about his loynes: and he said, It *is man?* Eliiah the Tishbite.

9 Then the King sent vnto him a captaine of fiftie, with his fiftie: and he went vp to him, (and behold, he sate on the top of an hill) and hee spake vnto him, Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come downe.

10 And Eliiah answered, and said to the captaine of fiftie, If I *be* a man of God, then let fire come downe from heauen, and consume thee and thy fiftie. And there came downe fire from heauen, and consumed him and his fiftie.

11 Againe also hee sent vnto him another captaine of fiftie, with his fiftie: And hee answered, and said vnto him, O man of God, Thus hath the king said, Come downe quickly.

12 And Eliiah answered, and saide vnto them, If I *be* a man of God, let fire come downe from heauen, and consume thee, and thy fiftie. And the fire of God came downe from heauen, and consumed him, and his fiftie.

13 ¶ And hee sent againe a captaine of the third fiftie, with his fiftie: and the third captaine of fiftie went vp, and came and †fell on his knees before Eliiah, and besought him, and saide vnto him, Oh man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fiftie thy seruants, be precious in thy sight. †*Hebr. bowed.*

14 Behold, there came fire downe from heauen, and burnt vp the two captaines of the former fifties, with their fifties: Therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight.

15 And

15 And the Angel of the LORD said vnto Elijah, Goe downe with him, be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went downe with him vnto the king.

16 And he said vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron (*is* it not because there is no God in Israel, to enquire of his word?) therefore thou shalt not come downe off that bed on which thou art gone vp, but shalt surely die.

17 ¶ So he died, according to the worde of the LORD which Eliiah had spoken: and Iehoram reigned in his stead, in the second yeere of Iehoram the sonne of Iehoshaphat king of Iudah, because he had no sonne.

18 Now the rest of the actes of Ahaziah, which hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

CHAP. II.

1 Elijah, taking his leaue of Elisha, with his mantle diuideth Iordan, 9 and granting Elisha his request, is taken vp by a fierie charet into heauen. 12 Elisha, diuiding Iordan with Elijahs mantle, is acknowledged his successor. 16 The young prophets, hardly obtaining leaue to seeke Elijah, could not finde him. 19 Elisha with salt, healeth the vnwholesome waters. 23 Beares destroy the children that mocked Elisha.

AND it came to passe when the LORD would take vp Elijah into heauen by a whirlewinde, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said vnto Elisha, Tarie here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel: and Elisha said vnto him, As the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I wil not leaue thee. So they went downe to Bethel.

3 And the sonnes of the Prophets that *were* at Bethel, came foorth to Elisha, and said vnto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know *it*, hold you your peace.

4 And Elijah said vnto him, Elisha, tarie here, I pray thee: for the LORD hath sent me to Iericho: And hee said, As the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. So they came to Iericho.

5 And the sonnes of the Prophets that *were* at Iericho came to Elisha, and said vnto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? and hee answered, Yea, I knowe *it*, holde you your peace.

6 And Elijah said vnto him, Tarie, I pray thee, here: for the LORD hath sent me to Iordan. And he said, As the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. And they two went on.

7 And fiftie men of the sonnes of the Prophets went, and stood †to view afarre off: and they two stood by †*Hebr. in sight, or ouer against.* Iordan.

8 And Elijah tooke his mantle, and wrapt it together, and smote the waters, and they were diuided hither and thither, so that they two went ouer on drie ground.

9 ¶ And it came to passe when they were gone ouer, that Elijah said vnto Elisha, Aske what I shall doe for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be vpon me.

10 And hee said, †Thou hast asked a hard thing: *neuertheless*, if thou see me, *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so vnto thee: but if not, it shall not be *so*. †*Hebr. thou hast done hard in asking.*

11 And it came to passe as they still went on and talked, that beholde, *there appeared* a charet of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder, and *Elijah went vp by a whirlwind into heauen. *Ecclus. 48 9.

12 ¶ And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, *My father, my father, the charet of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he tooke hold of his owne cloathes, and rent them in two pieces. 1. mac. 2. 58. *Chap. 13. 14.

13 He tooke vp also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the †banke of Iordan. †*Hebr. lip.*

14 And he tooke the mantle of Eliiah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when hee also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went ouer.

15 And when the sonnes of the Prophets which *were* *to view at Iericho, saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha: And they came to meet him, and bowed themselues to the ground before him. *Verse 7.

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16 ¶ And

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sonnes of
strength.
† *Hebr. one*
of the
moun-
taines.

16 ¶ And they said vnto him, Behold now, there bee with thy seruants fiftie †strong men, let them goe, we pray thee, and seeke thy master: lest peraduenture the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him vp, and cast him vpon †some mountaine, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

17 And when they vrged him, till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fiftie men, and they sought three dayes, but found him not.

18 And when they came againe to him (for he taried at Iericho) hee said vnto them, Did I not say vnto you, Goe not?

19 ¶ And the men of the city said vnto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city *is* pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water *is* nought, and the ground †barren.

† *Hebr.*
causing to
miscary.

20 And hee said, Bring mee a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him.

21 And he went forth vnto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I haue healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death, or barren *land*.

22 So the waters were healed vnto this day, according to the saying of Elisha, which he spake.

23 ¶ And he went vp from thence vnto Bethel: and as hee was going vp by the way, there came foorth little children out of the citie, and mocked him, and said vnto him, Goe vp thou bald head, Goe vp thou bald head.

24 And hee turned backe, and looked on them, and cursed them in the Name of the LORD: and there came foorth two shee Beares out of the wood, and tare fortie and two children of them.

25 And hee went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

CHAP. III.

1 Iehorams reigne. 4 Mesha rebelleth. 6 Iehoram, with Iehoshaphat, and the king of Edom, being distressed for want of water, by Elisha obtaineth water, and promise of victorie. 21 The Moabites deceiued by the colour of the water, comming to spoile, are ouercome. 26 The king of Moab, by sacrificing the king of Edoms sonne, raiseth the siege.

NOW Iehoram the sonne of Ahab began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, the eighteenth yere of Iehoshaphat king of Iudah, and reigned twelue yeeres.

2 And he wrought euill in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father and like his mother; for hee put away the †image of Baal that his father had made.

† *Hebr. statue.*

3 Neuerthelesse, hee cleaued vnto the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne; he departed not therefrom.

4 ¶ And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepe-master, and rendred vnto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambes, and an hundred thousand rammes, with the wooll.

5 But it came to passe when *Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

*Chap. i. 1.

6 ¶ And king Iehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbred all Israel.

7 And he went, and sent to Iehoshaphat the King of Iudah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against mee: Wilt thou goe with mee against Moab to battell? and he said, I will goe vp: *I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses.

*1. King. 22. 4.

8 And he said, Which way shall we goe vp? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

9 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Iudah, and the king of Edom: and they fetcht a compasse of seuen dayes iourney: and there was no water for the hoste, and for the cattell †that followed them.

† *Hebr. at their feet.*

10 And the king of Israel said, Alas, that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliuer them into the hand of Moab.

11 But Iehoshaphat said, *Is* there not here a Prophet of the LORD, that we may enquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israels seruants answered, and said, Here *is* Elisha the sonne of Shaphat, which powred water on the hands of Eliiah.

12 And Iehoshaphat saide, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel, & Iehoshaphat, and the king of Edom went downe to him.

13 And Elisha saide vnto the king of Israel,

Israel, What haue I to doe with thee? Get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said vnto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliuer them into the hand of Moab.

14 And Elisha said, As the LORD of hostes liueth, before whom I stand, Surely were it not that I regard the presence of Iehoshaphat the King of Iudah, I would not looke toward thee, nor see thee.

15 But now bring me a minstrell. And it came to passe when the minstrell played, that the hand of the LORD came vpon him.

16 And hee sayde, Thus sayth the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.

17 For thus sayth the LORD, Yee shall not see winde, neither shall ye see raine, yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drinke, both ye, and your cattell, and your beasts.

18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD, he will deliuer the Moabites also into your hand.

19 And ye shall smite euery fenced citie, and euery choice citie, and shall fell euery good tree, and stop all welles of water, and †marre euery good piece of land with stones.

20 And it came to passe in the morning when the meate offering was offered, that behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the countrey was filled with water.

21 ¶ And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come vp to fight against them, they †gathered all that were able to †put on armour, and vpward, and stood in the border.

22 And they rose vp early in the morning, and the Sunne shone vpon the water, and the Moabites sawe the water on the other side as red as blood.

23 And they said, This is blood: the kings are surely †slaine, aud they haue smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoile.

24 And when they came to the campe of Israel, the Israelites rose vp and smote the Moabites, so that they fledde before them: but ||they went forward smiting the Moabites, euen in *their* countrey.

25 And they beat downe the cities, and on euery good piece of land cast

† Heb.
grieue

† Heb.
were cryed
together.

† Heb. gird
himselfe
with a
girdle.

† Heb. de-
stroyed.

|| Or, they
smote in it,
euen smit-
ing.

euery man his stone, and filled it, and they stopped all the welles of water, and felled all the good trees: †onely in Kirharaseth left they the stones thereof: howbeit the slingers went about *it*, and smote it.

†*Heb. vn-
till he left
the stones
thereof in
Kirhara-
seth.*

26 ¶ And when the king of Moab sawe that the battell was too sore for him, he tooke with him seuen hundred men that drewe swordes, to breake thorow euen vnto the king of Edom: but they could not.

27 Then hee tooke his eldest sonne that should haue reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering vpon the wall: and there was great indignation against Israel, and they departed from him, and returned to their owne land.

CHAP. IIII.

1 Elisha multiplieth the widowes oyle. 8 Hee giueth a sonne to the good Shunammite. 18 Hee raiseth againe her dead sonne. 38 At Gilgal hee healeth the deadly pottage. 42 Hee satisfieth an hundred men with twentie loaves.

NOW there cryed a certaine woman of the wiues of the sonnes of the Prophets vnto Elisha, saying, Thy seruant my husband is dead, and thou knowest that thy seruant did feare the LORD: and the creditour is come to take vnto him my two sonnes to be bondmen.

2 And Elisha said vnto her, What shall I doe for thee? Tell mee, what hast thou in the house? And shee sayd, Thine handmaid *bath* not any thing in the house, saue a pot of oyle.

3 Then hee said, Goe, borrow thee vessels abroad, of all thy neighbours; *euen* emptie vessels, || borrow not a few.

|| *Or, scant
not.*

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the doore vpon thee, and vpon thy sonnes, and shalt powre out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So shee went from him, and shut the doore vpon her, & vpon her sonnes: who brought *the vessels* to her, and shee powred out.

6 And it came to passe, when the vessels were full, that shee said vnto her sonne, Bring me yet a vessell. And hee said vnto her, *There is not a vessel more.* And the oyle stayed.

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7 Then

7 Then she came, and told the man of God: and he said,
 ¶ *Or, credi-* Goe, sell the oyle, and pay thy ¶ debt, and liue thou and thy
tour. children of the rest.

8 ¶ And † it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem,
 † *Heb.* where was a great woman; and shee † constrained him to
there was eate bread: And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, hee
a day. turned in thither to eate bread.
 † *Heb. laid*
hold on
him.

9 And shee said vnto her husband, Behold now, I perceiue
 that this *is* an holy man of God, *which* passeth by vs
 continually.

10 Let vs make a litle chamber, I pray thee, on the wall,
 and let vs set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stoole,
 and a candlesticke: and it shall be when he commeth to vs,
 that hee shall turne in thither.

11 And it fell on a day that hee came thither, and hee
 turned into the chamber, and lay there.

12 And he said to Gehazi his seruant, Call this Shunammite.
 And when hee had called her, she stood before him.

13 And he said vnto him, Say, now vnto her, Behold, thou
 hast beene carefull for vs with all this care; What *is* to be
 done for thee? Wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or
 to the captaine of the hoste? And she answered, I dwell
 among mine owne people.

14 And he said, What then *is* to bee done for her? And
 Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband
 is old.

15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her,
 she stood in the doore.

* Gen. 18. 16 And he said, * About this † season, according to the
 † *io.* time of life, thou shalt imbrace a sonne: And she said, Nay
 † *Heb. set*
time. my lord, *thou* man of God, doe not lie vnto thine handmaid.

17 And the woman conceiued, and bare a sonne at that sea-
 son, that Elisha had said vnto her, according to the time of life.

18 ¶ And when the child was growen, it fell on a day that
 hee went out to his father, to the reapers.

19 And he said vnto his father, My head, my head: and he
 said to a ladde, Carie him to his mother.

20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his
 mother, hee sate on her knees till noone, and *then* died.

21 And she went vp, and laid him on the bed of the man
 of God, and shut *the*

doore vpon him, and went out.

22 And she called vnto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the yong men, and one of the asses, that I may runne to the man of God, and come againe.

23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou goe to him to day? it is neither newe moone nor Sabbath. And shee said, *It shalbe* † well.

† Heb.
peace.

24 Then she sadled an asse, and said to her seruant, Driue, and goe forward: † slacke not *thy* riding for mee, except I bid thee.

25 So she went, and came vnto the man of God to mount Carmel: and it came to passe when the man of God saw her afarre off, that hee said to Gehazi his seruant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite:

† Heb. re-
straine not
for me to
ride.

26 Runne now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say vnto her, *Is it wel* with thee? *is it wel* with thy husband? *is it wel* with the child? And she answered, *It is well*.

27 And when shee came to the man of God to the hill, shee caught † him by the feet: but Gehazi came neere to thrust her away. And the man of God saide, Let her alone, for her soule is † vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me.

† Heb. by
his feete.

† Heb.
bitter

28 Then shee said, Did I desire a sonne of my LORD? did I not say, Doe not deceiue me?

29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird vp thy loines, and take my staffe in thine hand, and goe thy way: if thou meete any man, salute him not: and if any salute thee, answere him not againe: and lay my staffe vpon the face of the childe.

30 And the mother of the childe said, As the LORD liueth, and as thy soule liueth, I will not leaue thee. And he arose, and followed her.

31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staffe vpon the face of the child, but *there was* neither voyce, nor † hearing: wherefore he went againe to meete him, and tolde him, saying, The child is not awaked.

† Heb.
attention.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid vpon his bed.

33 He went in therefore, and shut the doore vpon them twaine, and prayed vnto the LORD.

34 And he went vp, and lay vpon the child, and put his mouth vpon his mouth, and his eyes vpon his eyes, and his

his hands vpon his hands, and he stretched himselfe vpon the child, and the flesh of the child waxed warme.

† *Hebr. once hither, and once thither.* 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house † to and fro, and went vp, and stretched himselfe vpon him: and the child neesed seuen times, and the child opened his eyes.

36 And hee called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So hee called her: and when shee was come in vnto him, he said, Take vp thy sonne.

37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed her selfe to the ground, and tooke vp her sonne, and went out.

38 ¶ And Elisha came againe to Gilgal, and there was a dearth in the land, and the sonnes of the Prophets *were* sitting before him: and hee said vnto his seruant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sonnes of the Prophets.

39 And one went out into the field to gather herbes, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wilde gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not.

40 So they powred out for the men to eat: and it came to passe as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, *there is* death in the pot. And they could not eate *thereof*.

† *Hebr. euil thing.* 41 But he said, Then bring meale. And he cast *it* into the pot: And he said, Powre out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no † harme in the pot.

¶ *Or, in his scrip, or garment.* 42 ¶ And there came a man from Baal-Shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the first fruits, twentie loaues of barley, and full eares of corne † in the huske thereof: and he said, Giue vnto the people, that they may eate.

* Iohn 6. 11. 43 And his seruitour saide, What should I set this before an hundred men? He said againe, Giue the people, that they may eate: for thus saith the LORD, * They shall eate, and shall leaue *thereof*.

44 So he set *it* before them, and they did eate, and left *thereof*, according to the word of the LORD.

CHAP. V.

1 Naaman, by the report of a captiue mayd, is sent to Samaria to be cured of his leprosie. 8 Elisha, sending him to Iordan, cureth him.

15 He refusing Naamans gifts, granteth

him some of the earth. 20 Gehazi, abusing his masters name vnto Naaman, is smitten with leprosie.

NOW Naaman captaine of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man †with his master, and ‖honourable, †*Hebr. before.* because by him the LORD had giuen ‖deliuerance vnto Syria: †*Or, gracious.* He was also a mighty man in valour, *but he was a leper.*

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captiue out of the land of Israel a litle maid, & she †waited on Naamans wife. *Hebr. lifted vp, or accepted in countenance.*

3 And shee saide vnto her mistresse, Would God my lord were †with the Prophet that *is* in Samaria, for hee would †recouer him of his leprosie. *Or, victory. †Hebr. was before.*

4 And one went in, and tolde his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the mayd that *is* of the land of Israel. *†Hebr. before.*

5 And the king of Syria said, Goe to, Goe, and I will send a letter vnto the king of Israel. And hee departed, and tooke †with him ten talents of siluer, and sixe thousand *pieces* of †*Hebr. gather in.* gold, and ten changes of raiment. *†Hebr. in his hand.*

6 And hee brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come vnto thee, behold, I haue *therewith* sent Naaman my seruant to thee, that thou mayest recouer him of his leprosie.

7 And it came to passe when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, *Am* I God, to kill and to make aliuie, that this man doeth send vnto me, to recouer a man of his leprosie? Wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrell against me.

8 ¶ And it was so when Elisha the man of God had heard, that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? Let him come now to mee, and he shall know that there is a Prophet in Israel.

9 So Naaman came with his horses, and with his charet, and stood at the doore of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger vnto him, saying, Goe and wash in Iordane seuen times, and thy flesh shall come againe to thee, and thou shalt be cleane. *†Hebr. said. Or, I said with my selfe.*

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and saide, Beholde, †I thought, He will surely come out to me and surely come out &c. *He will*

† *Hebr.*
mooue vp
and downe.
 ‖ *Or, A-*
mana.

and stand, and call on the Name of the LORD his God, † and strike his hand ouer the place, and recouer the leper.

12 *Are* not ‖ Abana and Pharpar, riuers of Damascus, better then all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be cleane? So he turned, and went away in a rage.

13 And his seruants came neere and spake vnto him, and said, My father, *If* the Prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not haue done it? How much rather then, when hee saith to thee, Wash and be cleane?

14 Then went he downe, and dipped himselfe seuen times in Iordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came againe like vnto the flesh of a litle childe, and

* Luke 4.
 27.

* he was cleane.

15 ¶ And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy seruant.

16 But he said, As the LORD liueth, before whom I stand, I will receiue none: And hee vrged him to take it, but he refused.

17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be giuen to thy seruant two mules burden of earth? for thy seruant wil henceforth offer neither burnt offering, nor sacrifice vnto other gods, but vnto the LORD.

18 In this thing the LORD pardon thy seruant, *that* when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and hee leaneth on my hand, and I bow my selfe in the house of Rimmon: when I bow downe my selfe in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy seruant in this thing.

19 And he said vnto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him, † a litle way.

† *Hebr. a*
little piece
of ground.

20 ¶ But Gehazi the seruant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiuing at his hands that which hee brought: but *as* the LORD liueth, I wil runne after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman: and when Naaman saw him running after him, hee lighted downe from the charet to meet him, and said, † *Is* all well?

† *Hebr. Is*
there
peace?

22 And he said, *All is well*: my master hath sent me, saying, Behold, euen now there be come to mee from mount Ephraim two yong men, of the sonnes of the Prophets: Giue them, I pray thee, a talent of siluer, and two changes of garments.

23 And Naaman said, Bee content, take two talents: and hee vrged him, and bound two talents of siluer in two bags, with two changes of garments, and layde *them* vpon two of his seruants, and they bare *them* before him.

24 And when he came to the ||towre, he tooke them from || *Or, secret place.* their hand, and bestowed *them* in the house, and hee let the men goe, and they departed.

25 But he went in, and stood before his master: and Elisha said vnto him, Whence *commest thou*, Gehazi? And hee said, Thy seruant went †no whither.

26 And he said vnto him, Went not mine heart *with thee*, ^{† Hebr. Not hither or thither.} when the man turned againe from his charet to meete thee? *Is it* a time to receiue money, and to receiue garments, and Oliue yards, and Vineyards, and sheepe, and oxen, and men seruants, and mayd seruants?

27 The leprosie therefore of Naaman shall cleaue vnto thee, and vnto thy seede for euer: And hee went out from his presence a leper *as white* as snow.

CHAP. VI.

1 Elisha giuing leaue to the yong Prophets to inlarge their dwellings, causeth yron to swim. 8 Hee discloseth the king of Syria his counsell. 13 The armie which was sent to Dothan to apprehend Elisha, is smitten with blindness: 19 Being brought into Samaria, they are dismissed in peace. 24 The famine in Samaria, causeth women to eate their owne children. 30 The king sendeth to slay Elisha.

AND the sonnes of the Prophets saide vnto Elisha, Beholde now, the place where wee dwell with thee, is too strait for vs:

2 Let vs goe, wee pray thee, vnto Iordane, and take thence euery man a beame, and let vs make vs a place there where we may dwell. And hee answered, Goe ye.

3 And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and goe with thy seruants. And he answered, I will goe.

4 So hee went with them: and
when

when they came to Iordane, they cut downe wood.

† *Heb.*
yron.

5 But as one was felling a beame, the †axe head fell into the water: and hee cryed, and sayd, Alas master, for it was borrowed.

6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? and hee shewed him the place: and he cut downe a sticke, and cast *it* in thither, and the yron did swimme.

7 Therefore said he, Take it vp to thee: And hee put out his hand, and tooke it.

|| *Or, en-*
camping.

8 ¶ Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and tooke counsell with his seruants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my ||campe.

9 And the man of God sent vnto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou passe not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come downe.

10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God tolde him, and warned him of, and saued himselfe there, not once nor twise.

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing, and he called his seruants, and said vnto them, Will ye not shewe me which of *vs is* for the king of Israel?

† *Heb. No.*

12 And one of his seruants sayde, †None, my lord O king; but Elisha the Prophet, that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel, the wordes that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber.

13 ¶ And he said, Goe and spie where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was tolde him, saying, Behold, he *is* in Dothan.

† *Heb.*
heauie.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and charets, and a †great hoste: and they came by night, and compassed the citie about.

|| *Or, mini-*
ster.

15 And when the ||seruant of the man of God was risen early and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the citie, both with horses and charets: and his seruant said vnto him, Alas my master, how shall we doe?

* 2. Chron.
32. 7.

16 And he answered, Feare not: for *they that *be* with vs, *are* moe then they that *be* with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and sayde, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and hee saw: and behold, the mountaine *was* full of horses, and charets of fire round about Elisha.

18 And when they came downe to him, Elisha prayed vnto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And hee smote them with blindness, according to the word of Elisha.

19 ¶ And Elisha saide vnto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the citie: †follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seeke. But hee led them to Samaria. *†Heb. come ye after me.*

20 And it came to passe when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw, and beholde, *they were* in the mids of Samaria.

21 And the king of Israel saide vnto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them*? shall I smite *them*?

22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them*: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captiue with thy sword, and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eate, and drinke, and go to their master.

23 And hee prepared great prouision for them, and when they had eaten and drunke, hee sent them away, and they went to their master: so the bands of Syria came no more into the lande of Israel.

24 ¶ And it came to passe after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his hoste, and went vp, and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and behold, they besieged it, vntill an asses head was *solde* for fourescore *pieces* of siluer, and the fourth part of a kab of doues dounge for fīue *pieces* of siluer.

26 And as the king of Israel was passing by vpon the wall, there cried a woman vnto him, saying, Helpe, my lord, O king.

27 And he said, ¶If the LORD do not helpe thee, whence shall I helpe thee? out of the barne floore, or out of the wine presse? *¶Or, Let not the Lord saue thee.*

28 And the king said vnto her, What aileth thee? And shee answered, This woman said vnto me, Giue thy sonne, that we may eate him to day, and wee will eate my sonne to morrow.

29 So *we boyled my sonne, and did eate him: and I saide vnto her on the †next day, Giue thy sonne, that we may eate **Deut. 28. 53. †Heb. other.*

eate him: and she hath hid her sonne.

30 ¶ And it came to passe when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes, and hee passed by vpon the wall, and the people looked, and behold, hee had sackcloth within, vpon his flesh.

31 Then he said, God doe so, and more also to mee, if the head of Elisha the sonne of Shaphat, shall stand on him this day.

32 But Elisha sate in his house (and the elders sate with him) and the king sent a man from before him: but yer the messenger came to him, hee said to the Elders, See yee how this sonne of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? Looke when the messenger commeth, shut the doore, and hold him fast at the doore: *Is* not the sound of his masters feete behind him?

33 And while hee yet talked with them, beholde, the messenger came downe vnto him: and he said, Behold, this euill *is* of the LORD, what should I waite for the LORD any longer?

CHAP. VII.

1 Elisha prophecieth incredible plenty in Samaria. 3 Foure Lepers venturing on the host of the Syrians, bring tydings of their flight.

22 The king finding by spies the newes to be true, spoileth the tents of the Syrians. 17 The LORD, who would not beleue the prophecy of plenty, hauing the charge of the gate, is troden to death in the presse.

Then Elisha said, Heare yee the word of the LORD, Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time shal a measure of fine flower *be sold* for a shekell, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then †a lord on whose hand the king leaned, answered the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would make windowes in heauen, might this thing bee? and he saide, Behold, thou shalt see *it* with thine eies, but shalt not eate thereof.

3 ¶ And there were foure leproous men at the entring in of the gate: and they saide one to another, Why sit wee here vntill we die?

4 If we say, We will enter into the citie, then the famine *is* in the citie, and wee shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come,

† *Heb. a Lord which belonged to the King, leaning vpon his hand.*

and let vs fall vnto the host of the Syrians: if they saue vs alieue, we shall liue; and if they kill vs, we shall but die.

5 And they rose vp in the twilight, to goe vnto the campe of the Syrians: and when they were come to the vttermost part of the campe of Syria, behold, there was no man there.

6 For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to heare a noise of charets, and a noise of horses, *euen* the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Loe, the king of Israel hath hired against vs the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come vpon vs.

7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, *euen* the campe as it *was*, and fled for their life.

8 And when these lepers came to the vttermost part of the campe, they went into one tent, and did eate, and drinke, and carried thence siluer, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it, and came againe, and entred into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, We doe not well: this day is a day of good tydings, and we hold our peace: if we tarie till the morning light, †some mischiefe will come vpon vs: nowe therefore come, that we may goe, and tell the kings houshold. † *Heb. we shall find punishment.*

10 So they came, and called vnto the porter of the citie: and they told them, saying; We came to the campe of the Syrians, and behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tyed, and asses tyed, and the tents as they *were*.

11 And hee called the porters, and they told *it* to the kings house within.

12 ¶ And the king arose in the night, and said vnto his seruants, I will now shew you what the Syrians haue done to vs: They know that we *be* hungrie, therefore are they gone out of the camp, to hide themselues in the field, saying; When they come out of the citie, we shal catch them alieue, and get into the citie.

13 And one of his seruants answered, and said, Let some take, I pray thee, fūe of the horses that remaine, which are left †in the citie: (behold, they are as all the multitude of † *Heb. in it.* Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are *euen* as all

the multitude of the Israelites

lites that are consumed) and let vs send, and see.

14 They tooke therefore two charet horses, and the king sent after the hoste of the Syrians, saying, Goe, and see.

15 And they went after them vnto Iordane, and loe, all the way was full of garments, and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste: and the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians: So a measure of fine flowre was *sold* for a shekell, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

17 ¶ And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned, to haue the charge of the gate: and the people trode vpon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came downe to him.

18 And it came to passe, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flowre for a shekel, shalbe to morrow about this time, in the gate of Samaria:

19 And that lord answered the man of God, and said, Now behold, if the LORD should make windowes in heauen, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eate thereof.

20 And so it fell out vnto him: for the people trode vpon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The Shunammite, hauing left her countrey seuen yeeres, to auoide the forewarned famine, for Elishas miracle sake, hath her land restored by the king. 7 Hazael being sent with a present by Benhadad to Elisha at Damascus, after he had heard the prophesie, killeth his master, and succeedeth him. 16 Iehorams wicked reigne in Iudah. 20 Edom and Libnah reuolt. 23 Ahaziah succeedeth Iehoram. 25 Ahaziahs wicked reigne. 28 He visiteth Iehoram wounded, at Iezreel.

* Chap. 4.
35.

THen spake Elisha vnto the woman (* whose sonne he had restored to life) saying, Arise, and goe thou and thine housholde, and sojourne whersoever thou canst sojourne: for the LORD hath called for a famin, and it shall also come vpon the land seuen yeeres.

2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her housholde, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seuen yeeres.

3 And it came to passe at the seuen yeeres ende, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went foorth to crie vnto the king for her house, and for her land.

4 And the king talked with Gehazi the seruant of the man of God, saying, Tell mee, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.

5 And it came to passe as he was telling the King how hee had restored a dead body to life, that behold, the woman whose sonne he had restored to life, cryed to the King for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord O king, this *is* the woman, and this *is* her sonne, whom Elisha restored to life.

6 And when the king asked the woman, shee tolde him. So the King appointed vnto her a certaine || officer, saying, || *Or, Euenuch.* Restore all that was hers, and all the frutes of the field, since the day that she left the land, euen till now.

7 ¶ And Elisha came to Damascus, and Benhadad the king of Syria was sicke, and it was tolde him, saying, The man of God is come hither.

8 And the king said vnto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and goe meete the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recouer of this disease?

9 So Hazael went to meete him, and tooke a present † with † *Heb. in his hand.* him, euen of euery good thing of Damascus, fourtie camels burden, and came, and stood before him, and said, Thy sonne Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recouer of this disease?

10 And Elisha said vnto him, Goe, say vnto him, Thou mayest certainly recouer: howbeit, the LORD hath shewed me, that he shall surely die.

11 And hee setled his countenance † stedfastly, vntill he † *Heb. and set it.* was ashamed: and the man of God wept.

12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the euill that thou wilt doe vnto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip vp their women with childe.

13 And

13 And Hazeal said, But what, *is* thy seruant a dogge, that he should doe this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed mee that thou *shalt be* king ouer Syria.

14 So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who saide to him, What said Elisha to thee? and hee answered, He told me that thou shouldst surely recouer.

15 And it came to passe on the morrow, that he tooke a thicke cloth, and dipt it in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died, and Hazeal reigned in his stead.

16 ¶ And in the fifth yeere of Ioram the sonne of Ahab king of Israel, Iehoshaphat *being* then king of Iudah, *Iehoram the sonne of Iehoshaphat king of Iudah †began to reigne.

* 2. Chron.
21. 4.
† *Hebr.*
reigned.

17 Thirtie and two yeeres old was he when he began to reigne, and hee reigned eight yeeres in Ierusalem.

18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife, and hee did euill in the sight of the LORD.

19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Iudah, for Dauid his seruants sake, *as hee promised to giue to him alway a †light, and to his children.

* 2. Sam,
7. 13.
† *Hebr.*
candle, or
lampe.

20 ¶ In his dayes Edom reuolted from vnder the hand of Iudah, and made a king ouer themselues.

21 So Ioram went ouer to Zair, and all the charets with him, and hee rose by night, and smote the Edomites, which compassed him about: and the captaines of the charets, and the people fled into their tents.

22 Yet Edom reuolted from vnder the hand of Iudah vnto this day. Then Libnah reuolted at the same time.

23 And the rest of the actes of Ioram, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

24 And Ioram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid: And *Ahaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

* 2. Chron.
22. 1.

25 ¶ In the twelfth yeere of Ioram the sonne of Ahab, king of Israel, did Ahaziah, the sonne of Iehoram king of Iudah, begin to reigne.

26 Two and twentie yeeres old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reigne, and

he reigned one yeere in Ierusalem, and his mothers name *was* Athaliah the daughter of Omri king of Israel.

27 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did euill in the sight of the LORD, as *did* the house of Ahab: for hee *was* the sonne in law of the house of Ahab.

28 ¶ And he went with Ioram the sonne of Ahab, to the warre against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth Gilead, and the Syrians wounded Ioram.

29 And king Ioram went backe to be healed in Iezreel, of the woundes † which the Syrians † had giuen him at Ramah, † *Hebr. wherewith the Syrians had wounded.* And Ahaziah the son of Iehoram king of Iudah, went downe to see Ioram the sonne of Ahab in Iezreel, because he was sicke. † *Hebr. wounded.*

CHAP. IX.

1 Elisha sendeth a yong Prophet with instructions to annoint Iehu at Ramoth Gilead. 4 The Prophet hauing done his message, flieth.

11 Iehu being made king by the souldiers, killeth Ioram in the field of Naboth. 27 Ahaziah is slaine at Gur, and buried at Ierusalem.

30 Proud Iezebel is throwen downe out of a window, and eaten by dogs.

AND Elisha the Prophet called one of the childreu of the Prophets, and said vnto him, Gird vp thy loines, and take this boxe of oile in thine hand, and goe to Ramoth Gilead.

2 And when thou comdest thither, looke out there Iehu the sonne of Iehoshaphat, the sonne of Nimshi, and goe in, and make him arise vp from among his brethren, and carie him to an † inner chamber.

3 Then *take the boxe of oile, and powre it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I haue anointed thee king ouer Israel: then open the doore, and flee, and tary not. † *Hebr. chamber in a chamber.* * 1. King. 19. 16.

4 ¶ So the yong man, *euen* the yong man the Prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead:

5 And when hee came, behold, the captaines of the host were sitting; and hee said, I haue an errand to thee, O captaine: And Iehu said, Vnto which of all vs? And he said, To thee, O captaine.

6 And hee arose, and went into the house,

house, and hee powred the oyle on his head, and said vnto him, Thus sayth the LORD God of Israel, I haue anoynted thee king ouer the people of the LORD, *euen* ouer Israel.

7 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may auenge the blood of my seruants the Prophets, and the blood of all the seruants of the LORD, *at the hand of Iezebel.

* 1. Kings 21. 15.
* 1. Kings 14. 10. and 21. 21.
8 For the whole house of Ahab shal perish, and *I will cut off from Ahab, him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut vp and left in Israel.

* 1. Kings 14. 10. and 21. 22.
9 And I will make the house of Ahab, like the house of *Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, and like the house of *Baasha the sonne of Ahiah.

* 1. Kings 16. 3.
10 And the dogges shal eate Iezebel in the portion of Iezreel, and there shal be none to burie *her*. And he opened the doore, and fled.

11 ¶ Then Iehu came foorth to the seruants of his lord, and *one* said vnto him, Is all well? wherefore came this madde fellow to thee? And he said vnto them, Yee know the man, and his communication.

12 And they said, *It is false*, tell vs now: And hee sayde, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I haue anoynted thee King ouer Israel.

13 Then they hasted, and tooke euery man his garment, and put it vnder him on the top of the staires, and blewe with trumpets, saying, Iehu †is king.

† *Heb. reigneth.*

14 So Iehu the sonne of Iehoshaphat, the sonne of Nimshi, conspired against Ioram: (now Ioram had kept Ramoth Gilead, hee, and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria:

* Cha. 8.

29
† *Heb. Iehoram.*
† *Heb. smote*
† *Heb. let no escaper goe, &c.*
15 But *king †Ioram was returned to bee healed in Iezreel, of the wounds which the Syrians had †giuen him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Iehu said, If it be your minds, then †let none goe forth *nor* escape out of the citie, to goe to tell *it* in Iezreel.

16 So Iehu rode in a charet, and went to Iezreel, (for Ioram lay there :) and Ahaziah king of Iudah was come downe to see Ioram.

17 And there stood a watchman on the towre in Iezreel, and hee spied the company of Iehu as he came, and said, I see a companie. And Ioram sayd, Take an horseman, and send to meete

them, and let him say, *Is it peace?*

18 So there went one on horsebacke to meete him, and said, Thus sayth the king, *Is it peace?* And Iehu said, What hast thou to doe with peace? turne thee behinde me. And the watchman tolde, saying, The messenger came to them, but he commeth not againe.

19 Then he sent out a second on horsebacke, which came to them, and sayd, Thus sayth the king, *Is it peace?* And Iehu answered, What hast thou to doe with peace? turne thee behinde me.

20 And the watchman tolde, saying, He came euen vnto them, and commeth not againe: and the ||driuing is like the driuing of Iehu the sonne of Nimshi; for he driueth †furiously. || Or, marching.
† Heb. in madnesse.

21 And Ioram said, †Make readie. And his charet was made ready. And Ioram king of Israel, and Ahaziah king of Iudah, went out, each in his charet, and they went out against Iehu, and †met him in the portion of Naboth the Iezreelite. † Heb. bind.
† Heb. found

22 And it came to passe when Ioram saw Iehu, that hee said, *Is it peace, Iehu?* And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredomes of thy mother Iezebel, and her witchcrafts *are so many?*

23 And Ioram turned his hand, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah.

24 And Iehu †drew a bowe with his full strength, and smote Iehoram betweene his armes, and the arrow went out at his heart, and hee †sunke downe in his charet. † Heb. filled his hand with a bow.

25 Then said *Iehu* to Bidkar his captaine, Take vp, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Iezreelite: for remember, how that when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laide this burden vpon him: † Heb. bowed.

26 *Surely I haue seene yesterday the †blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sonnes, sayd the LORD, and I will requite thee in this ||plat, sayth the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of the LORD. * 1. Kings 21. 29.
† Heb. bloods
|| Or, portion.

27 ¶ But when Ahaziah the king of Iudah saw *this*, hee fled by the way of the garden house: and Iehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the charet; *and they did so*, at the going vp to Gur, which is by Ibleam: And hee

hee fled to Megiddo, and died there.

28 And his seruants caried him in a charet to Ierusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers, in the citie of Dauid.

29 And in the eleuenth yeere of Ioram the sonne of Ahab, began Ahaziah to reigne ouer Iudah.

† *Heb. put
her eyes in
painting.*

30 ¶ And when Iehu was come to Iezreel, Iezebel heard of it, and shee † painted her face, and tyred her head, and looked out at a window.

31 And as Iehu entred in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?

‡ *Or. chamberlaines.*

32 And he lift vp his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side, who? And there looked out to him two or three ‡ Eunuches.

33 And he said, Throw her downe. So they threw her downe, and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her vnder foote.

34 And when he was come in, hee did eate and drinke, and saide, Goe, see now this cursed *woman*, and burie her: for she *is* a kings daughter.

35 And they went to burie her, but they found no more of her then the skul, and the feete, & the palmes of *her* hands.

† *Heb. by
the hand
of.*
* 1. King.
21. 23.

36 Wherefore they came againe, and told him: and he said, This *is* the word of the LORD, which he spake † by his seruant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, * In the portion of Iezreel shall dogs eate the flesh of Iezebel:

37 And the carkeise of Iezebel shall be as dounge vpon the face of the field in the portion of Iezreel, so that they shall not say, This *is* Iezebel.

CHAP. X.

1 Iehu by his letters causeth seuentie of Ahabs children to be beheaded.

8 He excuseth the facte by the prophecie of Elijah. 12 At the shearing house he slayeth two and fourtie of Ahaziahs brethren.

15 Hee taketh Iehonadab into his company. 18 By subtiltie hee destroyeth all the worshippers of Baal. 29 Iehu followeth Ieroboams sinnes. 32 Hazael oppresseth Israel. 34 Iehoahaz succeedeth Iehu.

AND Ahab had seuentie sonnes in Samaria: and Iehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria vnto the rulers of Iezreel, to the Elders, and to † them that brought vp Ahabs children, saying,

† *Heb.
nourish-
ers.*

2 Now assoone as this letter commeth to you, seeing your masters sons *are* with you, and there *are* with you charets and horses, a fenced citie also, and armour :

3 Looke euen out the best and meetest of your masters sonnes, and set *him* on his fathers throne, and fight for your masters house.

4 But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him : how then shall we stand ?

5 And he that *was* ouer the house, and he that *was* ouer the citie, the elders also, and the bringers vp *of the children*, sent to Iehu, saying, Wee are thy seruants, and will doe all that thou shalt bid vs, we will not make any king : doe thou *that which is* good in thine eyes.

6 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If yee *be* † mine, and if ye will hearken vnto my voyce, take † *Heb. for me.* ye the heads of the men your masters sonnes, and come to me to Iezreel by to morow this time : (now the kings sonnes being seuentie persons, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them vp.)

7 And it came to passe when the letter came to them, that they tooke the kings sonnes, and slewe seuentie persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Iezreel.

8 ¶ And there came a messenger, and tolde him, saying, They haue brought the heads of the kings sonnes. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entring in of the gate, vntill the morning.

9 And it came to passe in the morning, that he went out, & stood, and said to all the people, Ye *be* righteous : behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him : But who slew all these ?

10 Know now, that there shall fall vnto the earth nothing ^{* 1. King. 21. 29.} of the worde of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab : for the LORD hath done *that* which he spake ^{† Heb. by the hand of.} * † by his seruant Elijah.

11 So Iehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab, in Iezreel, and all his great men, and his || kinsefolkes, and his priests, vntill he left him none remaining.

12 ¶ And hee arose, and departed, and came to Samaria : And *as* he was at the † shearing house in the way,

13 Iehu † met with the brethren of † *Heb. Aha-found*

† *Hebr.*
to the peace
of &c.

Ahaziah king of Iudah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, Wee *are* the brethren of Ahaziah, and we go downe † to salute the children of the King, and the children of the Queene.

14 And hee said, Take them alieue. And they tooke them alieue, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, *euē* two and fourty men; neither left he any of them.

† *Hebr.*
found.

15 ¶ And when hee was departed thence, he † lighted on Iehonadab the sonne of Rechab, *comming* to meet him: and he † saluted him, & said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Iehonadab answered, It is: If it be, giue mee thine hand. And hee gaue him his hand, and hee tooke him vp to him into the charet.

† *Hebr.*
blessed.

16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeale for the LORD: so they made him ride in his charet.

17 And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained vnto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Eliiah.

18 ¶ And Iehu gathered all the people together, and said vnto them, Ahab serued Baal a litle, *but* Iehu shall serue him much.

19 Now therefore, call vnto me all the prophets of Baal, all his seruants, and all his priests, let none be wanting: for I haue a great sacrifice *to doe* to Baal; whosoeuer shall be wanting, he shall not liue. But Iehu did *it* in subtilitie, to the intent that hee might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

† *Hebr.*
sanctifie.

20 And Iehu said, † Proclaime a solemne assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

21 And Iehu sent through all Israel, and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not: and they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was || full from one end to another.

|| *Or, so*
full, that
they stood
mouth to
mouth.

22 And he said vnto him that was ouer the vestrie, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Iehu went, and Iehonadab the sonne of Rechab into the house of Baal, and said vnto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and looke that there be here with you none of the seruants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal onely.

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices, and burnt offerings, Iehu appointed fourescore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I haue brought into your hands, escape, hee that letteth him goe, his life *shall be* for the life of him.

25 And it came to passe assoone as hee had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Iehu saide to the guard, and to the captaines, Goe in, *and* slay them, let none come forth. And they smote them with the †edge of the sword, and the guard, and the captaines cast them out, and went to the citie ^{† Hebr. the mouth.} of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought forth the †Images out of the house of Baal, and burnt them. ^{† Hebr. statues.}

27 And they brake downe the image of Baal, and brake downe the house of Baal, and made it a draughthouse, vnto this day.

28 Thus Iehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 ¶ Howbeit, *from* the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne, Iehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calues that *were* in Bethel, and that *were* in Dan.

30 And the LORD said vnto Iehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, *and* hast done vnto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, thy children of the fourth *generation*, shal sit on the throne of Israel.

31 But Iehu †tooke no heede to walke in the Law of the LORD God of Israel, with all his heart: *for* he departed not ^{† Hebr. obserued not.} from the sinnes of Ieroboam, which made Israel to sinne.

32 ¶ In those dayes the LORD began †to cut Israel short: ^{† Hebr. to cut off the ends.} and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel:

33 From Iordan †Eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, ^{† Hebr. toward the rising of the Sunne.} (which *is* by the riuer Arnon) || euen Gilead and Bashan.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Iehu, and all that he did, & all his might, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel? ^{|| Or, euen to Gilead and Bashan.}

35 And Iehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Jehoahaz his sonne reigned in his stead.

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36 And

† *Heb. the dayes were.* 36 And † the time that Iehu reigned ouer Israel in Samaria, was twentie and eight yeeres.

CHAP. XI.

1 Iehoash, being saued by Iehosheba his aunt from Athaliahs massacre of the seed royall, is hid sixe yeeres in the house of God. 4 Iehoiada giuing order to the captaines, in the seuenth yeere anointeth him King. 13 Athaliah is slaine. 17 Iehoiada restoreth the worship of God.

* 2. Chron.

22. 10.

† *Heb. seede of the kingdome.*

AND when *Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah sawe that her sonne was dead, she arose, and destroyed all the †seed royall.

2 But Iehosheba the daughter of king Ioram, sister of Ahaziah, tooke Ioash the sonne of Ahaziah, and stale him from among the Kings sonnes which were slaine; and they hid him, *euen* him and his nurse in the bed-chamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slaine.

3 And he was with her hidde in the House of the LORD, sixe yeeres: and Athaliah did reigne ouer the land.

* 2. Chron.

23. 1.

4 ¶ And *the seuenth yeere Iehoiada sent and fet the rulers ouer hundreds, with the captains, and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a couenant with them, and tooke an othe of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the Kings sonne.

5 And he commanded them, saying, *This is* the thing that yee shall doe; A third part of you that enter in on the Sabbath, shall *euen* be keepers of the watch of the kings house:

6 And a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur, and a third part at the gate behinde the guard: so shall yee keepe the watch of the house, || that it be not broken downe.

|| *Or, from breaking up.*

|| *Or, companies.*

Heb. hands.

7 And two ||parts of all you, that goe foorth on the Sabbath, *euen* they shall keepe the watch of the house of the LORD about the King.

8 And yee shall compasse the King round about, euery man with his weapons in his hand: and he that commeth within the ranges, let him bee slaine: and be yee with the king, as hee goeth out, and as he commeth in.

9 And the captaines ouer the hundreds did according to all things that

Iehoiada the Priest commanded: and they tooke euery man his men that were to come in on the Sabbath, with them that should goe out on the Sabbath, and came to Iehoiada the Priest.

10 And to the captaines ouer hundreds, did the Priest giue king Dauids speares and shields, that were in the Temple.

11 And the guard stood, euery man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right †corner of the Temple, to the left corner of the Temple, *along by the Altar* ^{†Heb. shoulder.} and the Temple.

12 And he brought forth the kings sonne, and put the crowne vpon him, and *gaue him* the Testimonie, and they made him King, and anointed him, and they clapt their hands, and said, †God saue the King.

13 ¶ And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard, *and* ^{†Heb. let the king liue.} of the people, she came to the people, into the Temple of the LORD.

14 And when shee looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar, as the maner was, and the Princes, and the trumpeters by the King, and all the people of the land reioyced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, treason.

15 But Iehoiada the Priest commanded the captaines of the hundreds, the officers of the hoste, and sayde vnto them, Haue her forth without the ranges; and him that followeth her, kill with the sword: for the Priest had sayd, Let her not be slaine in the house of the LORD.

16 And they laid hands on her, and she went by the way, by the which the horses came into the kings house, and there was she slaine.

17 ¶ And Iehoiada made a couenant betweene the LORD and the king, and the people, that they should be the LORDS people; betweene the king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down, his altars, and his images brake they in pieces throughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars: and the Priest appointed †officers ouer the house ^{†Heb. offices} of the LORD.

19 And hee tooke the rulers ouer hundreds, and the captaines, and the guard, and all the people of the land,
and

and they brought downe the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard, to the kings house, and he sate on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land reioyced, and the citie was in quiet, and they slew Athaliah with the sword, *beside* the kings house.

21 Seuen yeeres old was Iehoash when he began to reigne.

CHAP. XII.

1 Iehoash reigneth well all the dayes of Iehoiada. 4 Hee giueth order for the repaire of the Temple. 17 Hazael is diuerted from Ierusalem by a present of the halowed treasures. 19 Iehoash being slaine by his seruants, Amaziah succeedeth him.

* 2. Chron.
24. 1.

IN *the seuenth yeere of Iehu, Iehoash began to reigne, and fourtie yeeres reigned he in Ierusalem, and his mothers name *was* Zibiah of Beersheba.

2 And Iehoash did that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD all his dayes, wherein Iehoiada the Priest instructed him.

3 But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed, and burnt incense in the high places.

|| Or, holy
things.
Heb. holi-
nesses.

† Heb. the
money of
the soules
of his esti-
mation.

† Heb. as-
cendeth
vpon the
heart of a
man.

† Heb. in
the twen-
tieth yeere,
and third
yeere.

4 ¶ And Iehoash said to the priests, All the money of the ||dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *euen* the money of euery one that passeth *the account*, †the money that euery man is set at, *and* all the money that †commeth into any mans heart, to bring into the house of the LORD,

5 Let the priests take *it* to them, euery man of his acquaintance, and let them repaire the breaches of the house, wheresoeuer any breach shalbe found.

6 But it was so *that* †in the three and twentieth yeere of king Iehoash, the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Iehoash called for Iehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and saide vnto them, Why repaire ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receiue no more money of your acquaintance, but deliuer it for the breaches of the house.

8 And the priests consented to receiue no more money of the people, neither to repaire the breaches of the house.

9 But Iehoiada the priest tooke a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the Altar, on the right side, as one commeth into the house of the LORD, and the priests that kept the †doore, put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD. †Heb. threshold.

10 And it was so when they saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the kings ||scribe, and the high priest came vp, and they †put vp in bags and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD. †Heb. Or, secretarie. bound vp.

11 And they gaue the money, being told, into the handes of them that did the worke, that had the ouersight of the house of the LORD: and they †laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought vpon the house of the LORD, †Hebr. brought it forth.

12 And to Masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber, and hewed stone to repaire the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that †was laid out for the house to repaire it. †Heb. went forth.

13 Howbeit, there were not made for the house of the LORD, bowles of siluer, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of siluer, of the money that was brought into the house of the LORD:

14 But they gaue that to the workemen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD.

15 Moreouer, they reckned not with the men, into whose hand they deliuered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

16 The trespasse money, and sinne-money was not brought into the house of the LORD: it was the Priests.

17 ¶ Then Hazael king of Syria went vp, and fought against Gath, and tooke it: and Hazael set his face to goe vp to Ierusalem.

18 And Iehoash king of Iudah tooke all the hallowed things that Iehoshaphat, and Iehoram, and Ahaziah his fathers, kings of Iudah had dedicate, and his owne hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the kings house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria, and hee †went away from Ierusalem. †Heb. went vp.

19 ¶ And the rest of the actes of Iehoash, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

20 And his seruants arose, and made a conspiracie, and slew Iehoash in ||the house of Millo, which goeth downe to Silla.
 || Or, Beth-Millo.

21 For Iozachar the sonne of Shimeath, and Iehozabad the sonne of Shomer, his seruants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the citie of Daud, and Amaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Iehoahaz his wicked reigne. 3 Iehoahaz oppressed by Hazael, is relieued by prayer. 8 Ioash succeedeth him. 10 His wicked reigne. 12 Ieroboam succeedeth him. 14 Elisha dying prophecieth to Ioash three victories ouer the Syrians. 20 The Moabites inuading the land, Elishas bones raise vp a dead man. 22 Hazael dying, Ioash getteth three victories ouer Benhadad.

† Heb. in the twentieth yeere and third yeere.

IN †the three and twentieth yeere of Ioash the sonne of Ahaziah king of Iudah, Iehoahaz the sonne of Iehu beganne to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, and reigned seuen-
 teene yeeres.

† Heb. walked after.

2 And hee did that which *was* euill in the sight of the LORD, and †followed the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, which made Israel to sinne, he departed not there from.

3 ¶ And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and hee deliuered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the sonne of Hazael, all *their* dayes.

4 And Iehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened vnto him: for hee saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

5 (And the LORD gaue Israel a sauour, so that they went out from vnder the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents †as before-time.

† Heb. as yesterday, and third day.

6 Neuerthelesse, they departed not from the sinnes of the house of Ieroboam, who made Israel sinne, *but* †walked therein: and there †remained the groue also in Samaria.)

† Heb. hee walked.
 † Heb. stood.

7 Neither did he leaue of the people to Iehoahaz, but fiftie horsemen, and tenne charets, and tenne thousand footmen: for the king of Syria had destroy-

ed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing.

8 ¶ Nowe the rest of the actes of Iehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

9 And Iehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Ioash his sonne reigned in his stead.

10 ¶ In the thirty and seuenth yeere of Ioash king of Iudah, beganne Iehoash the sonne of Iehoahaz to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteene yeeres.

11 And hee did that which *was* euill in the sight of the LORD; hee departed not from all the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel sinne: *but* hee walked therein.

12 And the rest of the actes of Ioash, and all that hee did, and his might, wherewith hee fought against Amaziah king of Iudah, are they not written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

13 And Ioash slept with his fathers, and Ieroboam sate vpon his throne: and Ioash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 ¶ Nowe Elisha was fallen sicke, of his sicknesse whereof he died, and Ioash the king of Israel came downe vnto him, and wept ouer his face, and said, O my father, my father, the charet of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

15 And Elisha said vnto him, Take bowe and arrowes. And he tooke vnto him bowe and arrowes.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, † Put thine hand vpon the bowe. And he put his hand *vpon it*: and Elisha put his hands vpon the kings hands. *† Heb. make thine hand to ride.*

17 And he sayd, Open the window Eastward. And hee opened *it*. Then Elisha sayd, Shoot. And he shot. And he said; The arrowe of the LORDs deliuerance, and the arrowe of deliuerance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou haue consumed *them*.

18 And he sayd, Take the arrowes. And he tooke *them*. And hee said vnto the king of Israel, Smite vpon the ground. And he smote thrise, and stayed.

19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and saide,
Thou shouldest
haue

haue smitten fūe or sixe times, then haddest thou smitten Syria till thou haddest consumed *it*: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but* thrice.

20 ¶ And Elisha died, and they buried him: And the bands of the Moabites inuaded the land at the comming in of the yeere.

21 And it came to passe as they were burying a man, that behold, they spyed a band *of men*, and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man † was let downe, and touched the bones of Elisha, * he reuiued, and stood vp on his feete.

† *Heb. went downe.*
* *Ecclus.*
48. 14.

22 ¶ But Hazael king of Syria, oppressed Israel all the dayes of Iehoahaz.

23 And the LORD was gracious vnto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect vnto them, because of his couenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob, and would not

† *Heb. face.* destroy them, neither cast hee them from his † presence as yet.

24 So Hazael the king of Syria dyed, and Benhadad his sonne reigned in his stead.

25 And Iehoash the sonne of Iehoahaz † tooke againe out of the hand of Benhadad the sonne of Hazael, the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Iehoahaz his father, by warre: three times did Ioash beat him, and recouered the cities of Israel.

† *Heb. re-turned and tooke.*

CHAP. XIII.

1 Amaziah his good reigne. 5 His iustice on the murderers of his father. 7 His victory ouer Edom. 8 Amaziah prouoking Iehoash, is ouercome and spoiled. 15 Ieroboam succeedeth Iehoash. 17 Amaziah slaine by a conspiracie. 21 Azariah succeedeth him. 23 Ieroboams wicked reigne. 28 Zachariah succeedeth him.

* 2. Chron.
25. 1.

I N the second yeere of Ioash sonne of Iehoahaz king of Israel, reigned * Amaziah the sonne of Ioash king of Iudah. 2 Hee was twentie and fūe yeeres olde when he began to reigne, and reigned twentie and nine yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name *was* Iehoaddan of Ierusalem.

3 And he did that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like Dauid his father: hee did according to all things as Ioash his father did.

4 Howbeit, the high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice, and burnt incense on the high places.

5 ¶ And it came to passe assoone as the kingdome was confirmed in his hand, that he slew his seruants * which had slain the king his father. * Chap. 12. 20.

6 But the children of the murderers he slew not, according vnto that which is written in the booke of the Law of Moses, wherein the LORD commanded, saying, * The fathers shal not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers: but euery man shall be put to death for his owne sinne. * Deut. 24. 16. ezech. 18. 20.

7 He slew of Edom in the valley of salt, ten thousand, and tooke ¶ Selah by warre, and called the name of it, Ioktheel, ¶ Or, the rocke.

8 ¶ Then Amaziah sent messengers to Iehoash the sonne of Iehoahaz sonne of Iehu king of Israel, saying, Come, let vs looke one another in the face.

9 And Iehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Iudah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon, sent to the Cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Giue thy daughter to my sonne to wife. And there passed by a wilde beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode downe the thistle.

10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee vp: glory *of this*, and tary † at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, † Heb. at thy house. *euē* thou, and Iudah with thee?

11 But Amaziah would not heare: therefore Iehoash king of Israel went vp, and hee, and Amaziah king of Iudah, looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which *belongeth* to Iudah.

12 And Iudah † was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled euery man to their tents. † Heb. was smitten.

13 And Iehoash king of Israel tooke Amaziah king of Iudah, the sonne of Iehoash the sonne of Ahaziah at Bethshemesh, and came to Ierusalem, and brake downe the wall of Ierusalem, from the gate of Ephraim, vnto the corner gate, foure hundred cubites.

14 And he tooke all the golde and siluer, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the

treasures of the kings house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

15 ¶ Now the rest of the acts of Iehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Iudah, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

16 And Iehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria, with the kings of Israel, and Ieroboam his sonne reigned in his stead.

17 ¶ And Amaziah the sonne of Ioash king of Iudah, liued after the death of Iehoash sonne of Iehoahaz king of Israel, fifteene yeeres.

18 And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

* 2. Chron. 25. 27. 19 Now *they made a conspiracie against him in Ierusalem: and he fled to Lachish, but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there.

20 And they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Ierusalem with his fathers, in the city of David.

* 2. Chron. 26. 1. He is called Vzziah. 21 ¶ And all the people of Iudah tooke *Azariah (which was sixteene yeeres old) and made him king in stead of his father Amaziah.

22 He built Elath, and restored it to Iudah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 ¶ In the fifteenth yeere of Amaziah the sonne of Ioash king of Iudah, Ieroboam the sonne of Ioash king of Israel began to raigne in Samaria, *and raigned* forty and one yeeres:

24 And hee did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD: hee departed not from all the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

25 Hee restored the coast of Israel, from the entring of Hamath, vnto the sea of the plaine, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his seruant *Ionah, the sonne of Amittai the Prophet, which *was* of Gath Hepher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for there was not any shut vp, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

27 And the LORD said not, that hee would blot out the name of Israel from vnder heauen: but he saued them by the hand of Ieroboam the sonne of Ioash.

28 ¶ Now the rest of the actes of Ieroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recouered Damascus and Hamath, *which belonged* to Iudah, for Israel, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Ieroboam slept with his fathers, *euen* with the kings of Israel, and Zachariah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XV.

1 Azariah his good reigne. 5 He dying a Leper, Iotham succeedeth. 8 Zachariah, the last of Iehu his generation, reigning ill, is slaine by Shallum. 13 Shallum reigning a moneth, is slaine by Menahem. 16 Menahem strengtheneth himselfe by Pul. 21 Pekahiah succeedeth him. 23 Pekahiah is slaine by Pekah. 27 Pekah is oppressed by Tiglath Pileser, and slaine by Hoshea. 32 Iothams good reigne. 36 Ahaz succeedeth him.

I N the twenty and seuenth yeere of Ieroboam king of Israel, began Azariah sonne of Amaziah king of Iudah to reigne.

2 Sixteene yeeres old was he when he began to reigne, and he reigned two aud fifty yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name *was* Iecholiah of Ierusalem.

3 And he did that *which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done;

4 Saue that the high places were not remoued: the people sacrificed, and burnt incense still on the high places.

5 ¶ And the LORD smote the king, so that hee was a Leper vnto the day of his death, and dwelt in a seuerall house, and Iotham the kings sonne *was* ouer the house, iudging the people of the land.

6 And the rest of the actes of Azariah, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

7 So Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of Daud, and Iotham his sonne reigned in his stead.

8 ¶ In the thirty and eight yeere of Azariah king of Iudah, did Zachariah the sonne of Ieroboam reigne ouer Israel in Samaria sixe moneths.

9 And hee did that *which was* euil in the

the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done : he departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

10 And Shallum the sonne of Iabesh, conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slewe him, and reigned in his stead.

11 And the rest of the actes of Zachariah, beholde, they are written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

* Chap. 10. 30. 12 This *was* * the word of the LORD which he spake vnto Iehu, saying, Thy sonnes shall sit on the throne of Israel, vnto the fourth generation. And so it came to passe.

* Matth. 1. 9. called Ozias. † *Hebr. a moneth of dayes.* 13 ¶ Shallum the sonne of Iabesh began to reigne in the nine and thirtieth yeere of * Vzziah king of Iudah, and he reigned † a full moneth in Samaria.

14 For Menahem the sonne of Gadi, went vp from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the sonne of Iabesh, in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead.

15 And the rest of the actes of Shallum, and the conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

16 ¶ Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that *were* therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah : because they opened not *to him*, therfore he smote *it*, and all the women therein that were with child, he ript vp.

17 In the nine and thirtieth yeere of Azariah king of Iudah, began Menahem the sonne of Gadi to reigne ouer Israel, and reigned tenne yeres in Samaria.

18 And he did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD : hee departed not all his dayes from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

* 1. Chron. 5. 26. 19 * And Pul the king of Assyria came against the land : and Menahem gaue Pul a thousand talents of siluer, that his hand might be with him, to confirm the kingdome in his hand.

† *Heb. caused to come forth.* 20 And Menahem † exacted the mony of Israel, *euē* of all the mightie men of wealth, of each man fiftie shekels of siluer, to giue to the king of Assyria : so the king of Assyria turned backe, and stayed not there in the land.

21 ¶ And the rest of the acts of Me-

nahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel?

22 And Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

23 ¶ In the fiftieth yere of Azariah king of Iudah, Pekahiah the sonne of Menahem began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* two yeeres.

24 And he did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD, hee departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

25 But Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, a captaine of his, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the palace of the kings house, with Argob, and Arieah, and with him fiftie men of the Gileadites: and hee killed him, and reigned in his rounge.

26 And the rest of the actes of Pekahiah, and all that he did, beholde, they are written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 ¶ In the two and fiftieth yeere of Azariah king of Iudah, Pekah the sonne of Remaliah began to reigne ouer Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* twentie yeeres.

28 And he did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD, hee departed not from the sinnes of Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne.

29 In the dayes of Pekah king of Israel, came Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and tooke Iion, and Abel-Beth-maachah, and Ianoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and caried them captiue to Assyria.

30 And Hoshea the sonne of Elah, made a conspiracie against Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth yeere of Iotham the sonne of Vzziah.

31 And the rest of the actes of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 ¶ In the second yeere of Pekah the sonne of Remaliah *2. Chron. king of Israel, began Iotham the sonne of Vzziah king of ^{27. 1.} Iudah to reigne.

33 Fiue and twentie yeeres olde was he when he began to reigne, and hee reigned

reigned sixteene yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name *was* Ierusha, the daughter of Zadok.

34 And he did that *which was* right in the sight of the LORD: hee did according to all that his father Vzziah had done.

35 ¶ Howbeit, the high places were not remoued: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still in the high places: He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.

36 ¶ Now the rest of the actes of Iotham, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

37 (In those dayes the LORD began to send against Iudah, Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the sonne of Remaliah)

38 And Iotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid his father, and Ahaz his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Ahaz his wicked reigne. 5 Ahaz assailed by Rezin and Pekah, hireth Tiglath Pileser against them. 10 Ahaz sending a paterne of an Altar from Damascus to Vrijah, diuerteth the brasen Altar to his owne deuotion. 17 Hee spoileth the Temple. 19 Hezekiah succeedeth him.

* 2. Chron.
28. 1.

IN *the seuenteenth yeere of Pekah the sonne of Remaliah, Ahaz the sonne of Iotham King of Iudah began to reigne.

2 Twentie yeeres olde *was* Ahaz when hee began to reigne, and reigned sixteene yeeres in Ierusalem, and did not that *which was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, like Dauid his father:

3 But hee walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea & made his sonne to passe through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.

4 And hee sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hils, and vnder euery greene tree.

* Isa 7. 1.

5 ¶ *Then Rezin king of Syria, and Pekah sonne of Remaliah king of Israel, came vp to Ierusalem to warre: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not ouercome him.

6 At that time Rezin king of Syria, recouered Elath to Syria, & draue the Iewes from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there vnto this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, saying, *I am thy seruant, and thy sonne: come vp, and saue me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise vp against me.*

8 And Ahaz tooke the siluer and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the kings house, and sent *it for* a present to the king of Assyria.

9 And the king of Assyria hearkened vnto him: for the king of Assyria went vp against Damascus, and tooke it, and caried *the people of* it captiue to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 ¶ And King Ahaz went to †Damascus, to meete Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Vriiah the Priest the fashion of the altar, and the paterne of it, according to all the workemanship thereof.

† Heb.
Dam
mesek.

11 And Vriiah the Priest built an altar: according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so Vriiah the Priest made *it*, against king Ahaz came from Damascus.

12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the King saw the altar: and the King approched to the altar, and offered thereon.

13 And he burnt his burnt offering, and his meate offering, and powred his drinke offering, and sprinkled the blood of †his peace offerings vpon the altar.

† Heb.
which were
his.

14 And hee brought also the brasen altar which was before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from betweene the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the North side of the altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Vriiah the Priest, saying, Vpon the great altar, burne the morning burnt offering, and the euening meate offering, and the Kings burnt sacrifice, and his meate offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meate offering, and their drinke offerings, and sprinkle vpon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brasen altar shall be for me to enquire *by*.

16 Thus

16 Thus did Vriiah the Priest, according to all that king Ahaz commaunded.

17 ¶ And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and remooued the lauer from off them, and tooke downe the sea from off the brasen oxen that were vnder it, and put it vpon a pauement of stones :

18 And the couert for the Sabbath that they had built in the house, and the kings entry without, turned hee from the house of the LORD, for the king of Assyria.

19 ¶ Now the rest of the actes of Ahaz, which he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of Dauid, and Hezekiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Hoshea his wicked reigne. 3 Being subdued by Shalmaneser, hee conspireth against him with So King of Egypt. 5 Samaria for their sinnes, is captiuated. 24 The strange nations, which were transplanted in Samaria, beeing plagued with Lions, make a mixture of Religions.

IN the twelfth yeere of Ahaz, king of Iudah, began Hoshea the sonne of Elah to reigne in Samaria, ouer Israel nine yeeres.

2 And hee did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.

3 ¶ Against him came vp Shalmaneser king of Assyria, and Hoshea became his seruant, and †gaue him ||presents.

† *Hebr.*
rendred.
|| *Or,*
tribute.

4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracie in Hoshea : for hee had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* yeere by yeere : therefore the king of Assyria shut him vp, and bound him in prison.

5 ¶ Then the king of Assyria came vp thorowout all the land, and went vp to Samaria, and besieged it three yeres.

* Chap. 18. 10. 6 ¶ *In the ninth yeere of Hoshea, the king of Assyria tooke Samaria, and caried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and in Habor *by* the riuer of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them vp out of the land of Egypt, from vnder the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,

8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, (whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel) and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.

9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right, against the LORD their God: and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen, to the fenced city.

10 And they set them vp †images, and groues in euery high hill, and vnder euery greene tree. † Heb. statues.

11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD caried away before them, and wrought wicked things to prouoke the LORD to anger.

12 For they serued idoles, whereof the LORD had said vnto them, *Yee shall not doe this thing.

13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Iudah, 19.
†by all the Prophets, and by all the Seers, saying, *Turne ye from your euill wayes, and keepe my commandements, and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my seruants the Prophets. * Deut. 4.
† Heb. by the hand of all.
* Jerem. 18. 11. and 25. 5. & 35. 15.

14 Notwithstanding, they would not heare, but *hardened their neckes, like to the necke of their fathers, that did not beleeeue in the LORD their God.

15 And they reiected his Statutes, and his Couenant that hee made with their fathers, and his Testimonies which he testified against them, and they followed vanitie, and became vaine, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not doe like them.

16 And they left all the Commandements of the LORD their God, and *made them molten images, euen two calues, and made a groue, and worshipped all the hoste of heauen, and serued Baal. * Exod. 32.
8. 1. king.
12. 28.

17 And they caused their sonnes and their daughters to passe through the fire,

fire, and vsed diuination, and inchantments, and sold themselves to doe euill in the sight of the LORD, to prouoke him to anger.

18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and remoued them out of his sight, there was none left, but the tribe of Iudah onely.

19 Also Iudah kept not the Commandements of the LORD their God, but walked in the Statutes of Israel which they made.

20 And the LORD reiected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and deliuered them into the hand of spoilers, vntill he had cast them out of his sight.

21 For he rent Israel from the house of Daud, and they made Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat king, and Ieroboam draue Israel from following the LORD, and made them sinne a great sinne.

22 For the children of Israel walked in al the sinnes of Ieroboam which he did, they departed not from them:

23 Vntill the LORD remoued Israel out of his sight, as hee had said by all his seruants the Prophets: so was Israel caried away out of their owne land to Assyria, vnto this day.

24 ¶ And the King of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Aua, and from Hamath, and from Sepharuaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria, in stead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

25 And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they feared not the LORD; therefore the LORD sent Lions among them, which slew some of them.

26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast remoued, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the maner of the God of the land: therfore he hath sent Lions among them, and beholde, they slay them, because they know not the maner of the God of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carie thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence, and let them goe and dwell there, and let him teach them the maner of the God of the land.

28 Then one of the priests whom

they had caried away from Samaria, came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them howe they should feare the LORD.

29 Howbeit, euery nation made gods of their owne, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritanes had made, euery nation in their cities wherein they dwelt:

30 And the men of Babylon made Succoth-Benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima:

31 And the Auites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharuites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech, and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharuaim.

32 So they feared the LORD, and made vnto themselues of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places.

33 *They feared the LORD, and serued their owne gods, ^{*Sophan.} after the maner of the nations || whom they caried away from ^{1. 5.} thence.

34 Vnto this day they doe after the former maners: they feare not the LORD, neither doe they after their Statutes, or after their Ordinances, or after the Law and Commaundement which the LORD commaunded the children of Iacob, ^{*Or, who caried them away from thence.*} *whom hee named Israel,

35 With whom the LORD had made a Couenant, and charged them, saying, *Yee shall not feare other gods, nor bow your selues to them, nor serue them, nor sacrifice to ^{*Gen. 32. 28. 1. king. 18. 31. *Iudg. 6. 10.} them:

36 But the LORD, who brought you vp out of the land of Egypt, with great power, and a stretched out arme, him shall ye feare, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye doe sacrifice.

37 And the Statutes, and the Ordinances, and the Law, and the Commandement which he wrote for you, ye shall obserue to doe for euermore, and ye shall not feare other gods:

38 And the Couenant that I haue made with you, ye shall not forget, neither shall ye feare other gods.

39 But the LORD your God yee shall feare, and he shall deliuer you out of the hand of all your enemies.

40 Howbeit, they did not hearken, but they did after their former maner.

41 So these nations feared the LORD,

LORD, and serued their grauen images, both their children, and their childrens children: as did their fathers, so doe they vnto this day.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Hezekiah his good reigne. 4 He destroyeth idolatrie, and prospereth. 9 Samaria is caried captiue for their sins. 13 Sennacherib inuading Iudah, is pacified by a tribute. 17 Rabshakeh sent by Sennacherib againe, reuileth Hezekiah, and by blasphemous perswasions, solliciteth the people to reuolt.

* 2. Chron.
28. 27. and
29. 1. hee
is called
Ezekias,
Mat. 1. 9.

NOW it came to passe in the third yere of Hoshea sonne of Elah king of Israel, *that* *Hezekiah the sonne of Ahaz king of Iudah, began to reigne.

2 Twentie and fve yeeres old was he when hee began to reigne, and hee reigned twentie and nine yeeres in Ierusalem: His mothers name also *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.

3 And he did that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Dauid his father did.

† Heb.
statues.
* Numb.
21. 8.

4 ¶ He remooued the high places, and brake the †images, and cut downe the groues, and brake in pieces the *brases serpent that Moses had made: for vnto those dayes the children of Israel did burne incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Iudah, nor *any* that were before him.

† Heb. from
after him.

6 For he claue to the LORD, *and* departed not †from following him, but kept his commandements, which the LORD commanded Moses.

7 And the LORD was with him, *and* hee prospered whithersoever hee went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and serued him not.

† Heb.
Azzah.

8 He smote the Philistines euen vnto †Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the towre of the watchmen to the fenced cities.

* Cha. 17.
3

9 ¶ And *it came to passe in the fourth yeere of king Hezekiah, (which was the seuenth yeere of Hoshea, sonne of Elah king of Israel) that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came vp against Samaria, and besieged it.

* Cha. 17.
6

10 And at the end of three yeeres they tooke it: *euen* in the sixth yeere of Hezekiah (that is *the ninth yeere of Hoshea

king of Israel) Samaria was taken.

11 And the king of Assyria did carie away Israel vnto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the riuer of Gozan, & in the cities of the Medes:

12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his Couenant, *and* all that Moses the seruant of the LORD commanded, and would not heare *them*, nor doe *them*.

13 ¶ Now *in the fourteenth yeere of king Hezekiah, did †Sennacherib king of Assyria come vp against all the fenced cities of Iudah, and tooke them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Iudah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I haue offended, returne from me: that which thou puttest on me, wil I beare. And the king of Assyria appointed vnto Hezekiah king of Iudah, three hundred talents of siluer, and thirtie talents of gold.

15 And Hezekiah gaue *him* all the siluer that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the kings house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doores of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Iudah had ouerlaid, and gaue †it to the king of Assyria.

17 ¶ And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabсарis, and Rabshakeh, from Lachish to king Hezekiah, with a †great hoste against Ierusalem: and they went vp, and came to Ierusalem: and when they were come vp, they came and stood by the conduit of the vpper poole, which *is* in the high way of the fullers field.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the sonne of Helkiah, which *was* ouer the houshold, and Shebna the ¶Scribe, and Ioah the sonne of Asaph the Recorder.

19 And Rabshakeh said vnto them, Speake yee now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest?

20 Thou ¶sayest, (but *they are but* †vaine words) ¶I haue counsell and strength for the warre: now on whom doest thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

21 Now behold, thou †trustest vpon the staffe of this bruised reed, *euen* vpon Egypt,

*2. Chron.
32. 1. esa.
36. 1.
ecclu. 48.

18.
†Heb.
San-
herib.

†Heb.
them.

†Heb.
heavy

¶ Or, Secre-
tarie.

¶ Or,
talkest.

†Heb.
word of the
lips.

¶ Or, but
counsell
and
strength
are for the
war.

†Heb.
trustest
thee.

Egypt, on which if a man leane, it will goe into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt vnto all that trust on him.

22 But if ye say vnto me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is* not that hee whose high places, and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Iudah and Ierusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Ierusalem?

|| Or, *hos-
tages.*

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, giue ||pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliuer thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders vpon them.

24 How then wilt thou turne away the face of one captaine of the least of my masters seruants, and put thy trust on Egypt for charets and for horsemen?

25 Am I now come vp without the LORD against this place, to destroy it? The LORD sayd to me, Goe vp against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then said Eliakim the sonne of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Ioah, vnto Rabshakeh, Speake, I pray thee, to thy seruants in the Syrian language, (for wee vnderstand *it*) and talke not with vs in the Iewes language, in the eares of the people that *are* on the wall.

† *Heb. the
water of
their feete?*

27 But Rabshakeh sayd vnto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speake these wordes? hath he not *sent me* to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eate their owne dounge, and drinke their † owne pisse with you?

28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loude voice in the Iewes language, and spake, saying, Heare the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

29 Thus sayth the king, Let not Hezekiah deceiue you, for he shall not be able to deliuer you out of his hand:

30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliuer vs, and this city shall not bee deliuered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

|| Or, *seeke
my fauour.
Heb. make
with me a
blessing.
|| Or, pit.*

31 Harken not to Hezekiah: for thus sayth the king of Assyria, ||Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eate yee euery man of his owne vine, and euery one of his figge tree, and drinke yee euery one the waters of his || cisterne:

32 Vntill I come and take you a-

way to a land like your owne land, a land of corne and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oile Oliue, and of honie, that yee may liue, and not die: and hearken not vnto Hezekiah, when hee ||perswadeth you, saying, The LORD || *Or, de-
ceiueh.* will deliuer vs.

33 Hath any of the gods of the nations deliuered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharuaim, Hena, and Iuah? haue they deliuered Samaria out of mine hand?

35 Who *are* they among all the gods of the countreys, that haue deliuered their countrey out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliuer Ierusalem out of mine hand?

36 But the people helde their peace, and answered him not a word: for the kings commaundement was, saying, Answer him not.

37 Then came Eliakim the sonne of Hilkiah, which *was* ouer the houshold, and Shebna the Scribe, and Ioah the sonne of Asaph the Recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and tolde him the words of Rabshakeh.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Hezekiah mourning, sendeth to Esay to pray for them. 6 Esay comforteth them. 8 Sennacherib going to encounter Tirhakah, sendeth a blasphemous letter to Hezekiah. 14 Hezekiah his prayer. 20 Esay his prophecie of the pride and destruction of Sennacherib, and the good of Zion. 35 An Angel slayeth the Assyrians. 36 Sennacherib is slaine at Nineueh by his owne sonnes.

AND *it came to passe when King Hezekiah heard *it*, that * Esai. 37. hee rent his clothes, and couered himselfe with sacke-^{1.} cloth, and went into the house of the LORD.

2 And hee sent Eliakim, which *was* ouer the houshold, and Shebna the Scribe, and the Elders of the Priests, couered with sackcloth, to Esai the Prophet the sonne of Amoz.

3 And they sayd vnto him, Thus sayth Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and ||blasphemie: for || *Or, pro-
uocation.* the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth.

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4 It may be, the LORD thy God will heare all the words of Rabshakeh whome the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproch the liuing God, and will reprocue the wordes which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift vp *thy* prayer for the remnant that are † left.

† *Heb.*
found

5 So the seruants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

* Luke 3.
4. called
Esaias.

6 ¶ And * Isaiah said vnto them, Thus shal ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the wordes which thou hast heard, with which the seruants of the king of Assyria haue blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast vpon him, and he shall heare a rumour, and shall returne to his owne land, and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his owne land.

8 ¶ So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for hee had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, hee is come out to fight against thee: hee sent messengers againe vnto Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall ye speake to Hezekiah king of Iudah, saying, Let not thy God in whome thou trustest, deceiue thee, saying, Ierusalem shall not be deliuered into the hande of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria haue done to all lands, by destroying them vtterly: and shalt thou be deliuered?

12 Haue the gods of the nations deliuered them which my fathers haue destroyed? *As* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in The-lasar?

13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the citie of Sepharuaim, of Hena, and Iuah?

14 ¶ And Hezekiah receiued the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went vp into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest *between* the Cherubims, thou art the God, *euen* thou alone, of all the kingdomes of the earth,

thou hast made heauen and earth.

16 LORD, bow downe thine eare, and heare: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and heare the words of Sennacherib which hath sent him to reproch the liuing God.

17 Of a trueth, LORD, the kings of Assyria haue destroyed the nations and their lands,

18 And haue †cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* †*Heb.* no gods, but the work of mens hands, wood and stone: ther- *giuen* fore they haue destroyed them.

19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, saue thou vs out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know, that thou art the LORD God, *euen* thou onely.

20 ¶ Then Isaiah the sonne of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to mee against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I haue heard.

21 This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him, The Virgin, the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorne, the daughter of Ierusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

22 Whome hast thou reproched and blasphemed? and against whome hast thou exalted *thy* voyce, and lift vp thine eyes on high? *euen* against the Holy One of Israel.

23 †By thy messengers thou hast reproched the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my charets, I am come vp to the height of the mountaines, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut downe †the tall cedar trees thereof, *and* the choice firre trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* the ||forrest of his Carmel.

24 I haue digged & drunke strange waters, and with the sole of my feete haue I dried vp all the riuers of ||besieged places.

25 ||Hast thou not heard long agoe, how I haue done it, *and* of ancient times that I haue formed it? now haue I brought it to passe, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heapes.

26 Therefore their Inhabitants were †of small power, they were dismayed and confounded, they were *as* the grasse of the field, and *as* the greene

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herbe,

herbe, as the grasse on the house tops, and as *corne* blasted before it be growen vp.

|| Or,
sitting.

27 But I know thy ||abode, and thy going out, and thy comming in, and thy rage against me.

28 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult is come vp into mine eares, therefore I will put my hooke in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turne thee backe by the way by which thou camest.

29 And this *shalbe* a signe vnto thee, Yee shall eate this yeere such things as grow of themselues, and in the second yeere that which springeth of the same, and in the third yeere sow ye and reape, and plant Vineyards, and eate the fruits thereof.

† *Hebr. the
escaping of
the house of
Iudah that
remaineth.*
† *Hebr. the
escaping.*

30 And †the remnant that is escaped of the house of Iudah, shall yet againe take root downeward, and beare fruit vpward.

31 For out of Ierusalem shall goe forth a remnant, and †they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeale of the LORD of hostes shall doe this.

32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a banke against it:

33 By the way that hee came, by the same shal he returne, and shal not come into this city, saith the LORD.

34 For I will defend this citie, to saue it, for mine owne sake, and for my seruant Dauids sake.

* Isa. 37.
36. tob. 1.
21. ecclus.
48. 24.
1. macc. 7.
41. 2.
macca. 8.
19.

35 ¶ And *it came to passe that night, that the Angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the campe of the Assyrians, an hundred foure score and foue thousand: and when they arose earely in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses.

36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineueh.

37 And it came to passe as hee was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adramelech, and Sharezer his sonnes, smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of †Armenia, and Esarhaddon his sonne reigned in his stead.

† *Hebr.
Ararat.*

CHAP. XX.

1 Hezekiah hauing receiued a message of death, by prayer hath his life lengthned. 8 The

Sunne goeth tenne degrees backward, for a signe of that promise.
 12 Berodach Baladan sending to visite Hezekiah, because of the wonder, hath notice of his treasures. 14 Isaiah vnderstanding thereof, foretelleth the Babylonian captiuitie. 20 Manasseh succedeth Hezekiah.

IN those dayes * was Hezekiah sicke vnto death: and the * 2. Chron. 32. 24.
 Prophet Isaiah the sonne of Amos came to him, and saide isa. 38. 1.
 vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, † Set thine house in order: † Hebr.
 for thou shalt die, and not liue. giue charge concerning thine house.

2 Then hee turned his face to the wall, and prayed vnto the LORD, saying;

3 I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I haue walked before thee in trueth, and with a perfect heart, and haue done that which is good in thy sight: and Hezekiah wept † sore.

4 And it came to passe afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle || court, that the word of the LORD came to him, † Hebr. with a great weeping.
 saying; || Or, city.

5 Turne againe, and tell Hezekiah the captaine of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Dauid thy father, I haue heard thy prayer, I haue seene thy teares: behold, I will heale thee; on the third day thou shalt goe vp vnto the house of the LORD.

6 And I will adde vnto thy dayes fiftene yeeres, and I will deliuer thee, and this city, out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this citie for mine owne sake, and for my seruant Dauids sake.

7 And Isaiah said, Take a lumpe of figs. And they tooke and layd it on the boile, and he recouered.

8 ¶ And Hezekiah said vnto Isaiah, What *shall bee* the signe that the LORD wil heale me, and that I shall goe vp into the house of the LORD the third day?

9 And Isaiah said, This signe shalt thou *haue* of the LORD, that the LORD will doe the thing that hee hath spoken: shall the shadow goe forward ten degrees, or * goe backe tenne degrees? * Ecclus, 48. 24. isa. 38. 8.

10 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go downe tenne degrees: nay, but let the shadow returne backward tenne degrees.

11 And

11 And Isaiah the Prophet cryed vnto the LORD, and he brought the shadow tenne degrees backward, by which it had gone downe in the † diall of Ahaz.

† *Heb. degrees.*

* Isai. 39. 1.

12 ¶ * At that time Berodach-Baladan the sonne of Baladan King of Babylon, sent letters and a present vnto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had bene sicke.

¶ *Or, spicery.*

¶ *Or, iewels. Heb. vessels.*

13 And Hezekiah hearkened vnto them, and shewed them the house of his || precious things, the siluer, and the golde, and the spices, and the precious oyntment, and all the house of his || armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

14 ¶ Then came Isaiah the Prophet vnto King Hezekiah, and sayde vnto him, What sayd these men? and from whence came they vnto thee? And Hezekiah sayde, They are come from a farre countrey, *euen* from Babylon.

15 And he said, What haue they seene in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that *are* in mine house haue they seene: there is nothing among my treasures, that I haue not shewed them.

16 And Isaiah said vnto Hezekiah, Heare the word of the LORD.

17 Behold, the dayes come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers haue layde vp in store vnto this day, * shall be caried vnto Babylon: nothing shall be left, sayth the LORD.

* Chap. 24. 13. & 25. 13 iere. 27. 19.

18 And of thy sonnes that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away, and they shall bee Eunuches in the palace of the king of Babylon.

19 Then said Hezekiah vnto Isaiah, Good *is* the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. And he said, || Is it not good, if peace and trueth be in my dayes?

¶ *Or, shall there not be peace and trueth? &c.*

20 ¶ And the rest of the actes of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how hee made a poole and a conduit, & brought water into the city, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah?

21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and Manasseh his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Manasseh his reigne. 3 His great idolatrie. 10 His wickednesse causeth prophecies against Iudah. 17 Amon succeedeth him. 19 Amons wicked reigne. 23 Hee being slaine by his seruants, and those murderers slaine by the people, Iosiah is made King.

MAnasseh **was* twelue yeres olde when hee beganne to ^{* 2. Chron. 33. 1.} reigne, and reigned fiftie and fiue yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name *was* Hephzibah.

2 And hee did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he built vp againe the high places, **which* Hezekiah ^{* Cha. 18.} his father had destroyed, and hee reared vp altars for Baal, ^{4.} and made a groue, as did Ahab king of Israel, and worshipped all the hoste of heauen, and serued them.

4 And *he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which ^{* Iere. 32. 34.} the LORD sayd, *In Ierusalem will I put my Name.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heauen, in the two ^{* 2. Sam. 7. 13.} courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he made his sonne passe thorow the fire, and obserued times, and vsed enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits, and wizards: he wrought much wickednesse in the sight of the LORD, to prouoke *him* to anger.

7 And he set a grauen image of the groue that he had made, in the house, of which the LORD said to Dauid, and to Solomon his sonne, *In this house and in Ierusalem, which ^{* 1. King. 8. 29. and 9. 3. chap. 23. 27.} I haue chosen out of all tribes of Israel, wil I put my Name for euer:

8 Neither will I make the feete of Israel mooue any more out of the land, which I gaue their fathers: onely if they will obserue to doe according to all that I haue commanded them, and according to all the Law, that my seruant Moses commanded them.

9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to doe more euill then did the nations, whome the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake by his seruants the Prophets, saying,

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* Iere. 15.
4 11 *Because Manasseh king of Iudah hath done these abominations, *and* hath done wickedly aboue all that the Amorites did, which *were* before him, and hath made Iudah also to sinne with his idoles:

12 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing *such* euill vpon Ierusalem and Iudah, that
* 1 Sam. whosoeuer heareth of it, both *his eares shall tingle.

3. 11. 13 And I will stretch ouer Ierusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Ierusalem as a man wipeth a dish, †wiping it and turning *it* vpside downe.

† *Heb. he wipeth and turneth it vpon the face thereof.*

14 And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliuer them into the hand of their enemies, and they shall become a pray and a spoile to all their enemies,

15 Because they haue done that *which was* euill in my sight, and haue prouoked me to anger since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, euen vnto this day.

† *Heb. from mouth to mouth.*

16 Moreouer, Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Ierusalem †from one end to another, beside his sinne wherwith he made Iudah to sinne, in doing that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD.

17 ¶ Now the rest of the actes of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sinne that he sinned, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

* 2. Chron.
33. 20.

18 And *Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his owne house, in the garden of Vzza: and Amon his sonne reigned in his stead.

19 ¶ Amon was twentie and two yeres old when he began to reigne, and he reigned two yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name *was* Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Iotbah.

20 And he did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did.

21 And he walked in all the wayes that his father walked in, and serued the idoles that his father serued, and worshipped them:

22 And he forsooke the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

23 ¶ And the seruants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his owne house.

24 And the people of the land slew al them that had conspired against king Amon, and the people of the land made Iosiah his sonne king in his stead.

25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon, which he did, are they not written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Iudah?

26 And he was buried in his sepulchre, in the garden of Vzza, and *Iosiah his sonne reigned in his stead. *Mat. 1.
10. called
Iosias.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Iosiah his good reigne. 3 He taketh care for the repaire of the Temple. 8 Hilkiah hauing found a booke of the Lawe, Iosiah sendeth to Huldah to enquire of the Lord. 15 Huldah prophesieth destruction of Ierusalem, but respite thereof in Iosiahs time.

I Osiāh * was eight yeeres old when hee beganne to reigne, *2. Chron. 34. 1. and hee reigned thirtie and one yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Iedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

2 And he did that *which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the wayes of Dauid his father, and turned not aside to the right hand, or to the left.

3 ¶ And it came to passe in the eighteenth yeere of king Iosiah, that the king sent Shaphan the sonne of Azaliah, the sonne of Meshullam the Scribe to the house of the LORD, saying,

4 Goe vp to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may summe the siluer which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the †doore haue gathered of the people. †Heb. threshold. 5 And let them deliuer it into the hand of the doers of the worke, that haue the ouersight of the house of the LORD: and let them giue it to the doers of the worke, which is in the house of the LORD, to repaire the breaches of the house,

6 Vnto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewen stone, to repaire the house.

7 Howbeit, there was no reckoning made with them, of the money that was deliuered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

8 ¶ And

8 ¶ And Hilkiah the high Priest said vnto Shaphan the Scribe, I haue found the booke of the Law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gaue the booke to Shaphan, and he read it.

† *Hebr.
melted.*

9 And Shaphan the Scribe came to the king, and brought the king word againe, and said, Thy seruants haue †gathered the money that was found in the house, and haue deliuered it into the hand of them that doe the worke, that haue the ouersight of the house of the LORD.

10 And Shaphan the Scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the Priest hath deliuered mee a booke: and Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And it came to passe when the king had heard the words of the booke of the Law, that he rent his clothes.

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the Priest, and Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan, and Achbor the sonne of Michaiah, and Shaphan the Scribe, and Asahiah a seruant of the Kings, saying,

13 Goe yee, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Iudah, concerning the wordes of this booke that is found: for great *is* the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against vs, because our fathers haue not hearkened vnto the woordes of this booke, to doe according vnto all that which is written concerning vs.

† *Hebr.
garments.
|| Or, in the
second
part.*

14 So Hilkiah the Priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went vnto Huldah the Prophetesse, the wife of Shallum the sonne of Tikuah, the sonne of Harhas, keeper of the †wardrobe: now she dwelt in Ierusalem in || the colledge: And they communed with her.

15 ¶ And she said vnto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me;

16 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring euill vpon this place, and vpon the inhabitants thereof, *euē* all the words of the booke which the king of Iudah hath read.

17 Because they haue forsaken me, and haue burnt incense vnto other gods, that they might prouoke mee to anger with all the woorkes of their handes: therefore my wrath shall bee kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Iudah which

sent you to enquire of the LORD, Thus shall yee say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, as touching the woordes which thou hast heard :

19 Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thy selfe before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy cloathes, and wept before me ; I also haue heard *thee*, saith the LORD.

20 Behold therefore, I will gather thee vnto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy graue in peace, and thine eyes shal not see all the euil which I will bring vpon this place. And they brought the king word againe.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Iosiah causeth the booke to bee read in a solemne assembly. 3 He reneweth the Couenant of the LORD. 4 He destroyeth idolatry. 15 He burnt dead mens bones vpon the altar of Bethel, as was fore-prophesied. 21 He kept a most solemne Passeouer. 24 He put away witches, and all abomination. 26 Gods finall wrath against Iudah. 29 Iosiah prouoking Pharaoh Nechoh, is slaine at Megiddo. 31 Iehoahaz succeeding him, is imprisoned by Pharaoh Nechoh, who made Ioiakim king. 36 Ioiakim his wicked reigne.

ANd *the king sent, and they gathered vnto him all the *2. Chron. Elders of Iudah, and of Ierusalem. 34. 30.

2 And the king went vp into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Iudah, and all the inhabitants of Ierusalem with him, and the Priestes, and the Prophets, and all the people †both small and great : and he read in their eares all †Hebr. the wordes of the booke of the Couenant which was found *from small euen vnto great.*

3 ¶ And the King stood by a pillar, and made a Couenant before the LORD, to walke after the LORD, and to keepe his Commaundements, and his Testimonies, & his Statutes, with all *their* heart, and all *their* soule, to performe the words of this Couenant, that were written in this booke : and all the people stood to the Couenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah
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the high Priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the doore to bring forth out of the Temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the groue, and for all the hoste of heauen: and he burnt them without Ierusalem in the fields of Kidron, and caried the ashes of them vnto Bethel.

† *Heb.*
caused to
cease.

† *Heb.*
Chemarim.

|| *Or,*
twelue
signes or
constella-
tions.

* *Cha.* 21.
7.

5 And hee † put downe the † idolatrous priests whome the kings of Iudah had ordeined to burne incense in the high places, in the cities of Iudah and in the places round about Ierusalem: them also that burnt incense vnto Baal, to the Sunne, and to the Moone, and to the || Planets, and to all the hoste of heauen.

6 And he brought out the * groue from the house of the LORD, without Ierusalem, vnto the brooke Kidron, and burnt it at the brooke Kidron, and stampd it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof vpon the graues of the children of the people.

7 And he brake downe the houses of the Sodomites that were by the house of the LORD, where the women woue † hangings for the groue.

† *Heb.*
houses

8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Iudah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burnt incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake downe the hie places of the gates that were in the entring in of the gate of Ioshua the gouernour of the citie, which were on a mans left hand at the gate of the citie.

9 Neuerthesse, the priests of the high places came not vp to the Altar of the LORD in Ierusalem, but they did eate of the vnleauened bread among their brethren.

10 And he defiled Topheth which *is* in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his sonne or his daughter to passe through the fire to Molech.

|| *Or, Eu-*
nuch, or
Officer.

11 And he tooke away the horses that the kings of Iudah had giuen to the Sunne, at the entring in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the || chamberlaine, which was in the suburbs, and burnt the charets of the Sunne with fire,

12 And the altars that were on the top of the vpper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Iudah had made, and the altars which * Manasseh had

* *Cha.* 21.
5

made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat downe, and ||brake them downe from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brooke Kidron. *Or, ran from thence.*

13 And the high places that were before Ierusalem, which *were* on the right hand of the ||mount of corruption, which *That is, the mount of Oliues.* *Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth, the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milchom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. *1. King. 11. 7.*

14 And he brake in pieces the †images, and cut downe the †groues, and filled their places with the bones of men. *Heb. statues.*

15 ¶ Moreouer the altar that *was* at Bethel, and the high place which Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, who made Israel to sinne, had made, both that altar, and the high place he brake downe, and burnt the high place, and stampd it small to powder, and burnt the groue.

16 And as Iosiah turned himselfe, he spied the sepulchres that *were* there in the mount, and sent, & tooke the bones out of the sepulchres, and burnt *them* vpon the altar, and polluted it, according to the *word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. ** 1. King. 13. 2.*

17 Then hee said, What title *is* that that I see? and the men of the city told him, It *is* the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Iudah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel.

18 And he said, Let him alone: let no man moue his bones: so they let his bones †alone, with the bones of the Prophet that came out of Samaria. *†Hebr. to escape.*

19 And all the houses also of the hie places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to prouoke *the* LORD to anger, Iosiah tooke away, and did to them according to all the actes that hee had done in Bethel.

20 And he ||slew all the priests of the high places that *were* there, vpon the altars, and burnt mens bones vpon them, and returned to Ierusalem. *Or sacrifices.*

21 ¶ And the King commanded all the people saying, * 2. Chron. 35. 1. *Keepe the Passeouer vnto the LORD your God, *as it is written in this booke of the Couenant. *1. esd. 1. 1. * Exo. 12. 3. deut. 16. 2.*

22 Surely

22 Surely there was not holden such a Passeouer, from the daies of the Iudges that iudged Israel, nor in all the dayes of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Iudah :

23 But in the eighteenth yeere of king Iosiah, *wherein* this Passeouer was holden to the LORD in Ierusalem.

24 ¶ Moreouer the *workers* with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idoles, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Iudah, and in Ierusalem, did Iosiah put away, that he might performe the wordes of
 * Or, Teraphim.
 * Leuit. 20. * the lawe, which were written in the booke that Hilkihah the
 27. deut.
 18. 11. priest found in the house of the LORD.

25 And like vnto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soule, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, neither after him arose there *any* like him.

26 ¶ Notwithstanding, the LORD turned not from the fiercenesse of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Iudah, because of all the †prouocations that Manasseh had prouoked him withall.
 † Heb. angers.

27 And the LORD said, I will remoue Iudah also out of my sight, as I haue remoued Israel, and will cast off this citie Ierusalem, which I haue chosen, and the house of which I sayd, *My name shall be there.

* 1. King.
 8. 29. & 9.
 3. Chap.
 21. 7.
 28 Now the rest of the actes of Iosiah, and all that hee did, are they not written in the booke of the chronicles of the kings of Iudah ?

* 2. Chron.
 35. 20.
 29 ¶ *In his dayes, Pharaoh Nechoh king of Egypt, went vp against the king of Assyria to the riuer Euphrates : and king Iosiah went against him, and hee slew him at Megiddo, when he had seene him.

30 And his seruants caried him in a charet dead from Megiddo, & brought him to Ierusalem, and buried him in his owne sepulchre : and *the people of the land tooke Iehoahaz the sonne of Iosiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his fathers stead.
 * 2. Chron.
 36. 1.

31 ¶ Iehoahaz *was* twenty and three yeeres olde when hee beganne to reigne, and hee reigned three moneths in Ierusalem : and his mothers name *was* Hamital, the daughter of Ieremiah, of Libnah.

32 And hee did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

33 And Pharaoh Nechoh put him in bandes at Riblah in the land of Hamath, ||that he might not reigne in Ierusalem, || *Or, because he reigned.*
and †put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of siluer, †*Heb. set a mulct*
and a talent of golde. *upon the land.*

34 And Pharaoh Nechoh made Eliakim the sonne of Iosiah king, in the rounge of Iosiah his father, and turned his name to *Iehoiakim, and tooke Iehoahaz away: and hee came to **Matth. 1. 12. called Iakim.*
Egypt, and died there.

35 And Iehoiakim gaue the siluer, and the golde to Pharaoh, but he taxed the land to giue the money according to the commandement of Pharaoh: hee exacted the siluer and the golde of the people of the land, of euery one according to his taxation, to giue *it* vnto Pharaoh Nechoh.

36 ¶ Iehoiakim *was* twentie and fūe yeere olde when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name was Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.

37 And he did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Iehoiakim, first subdued by Nebuchadnezzar, then rebelling against him, procureth his owne ruine. 5 Iehoiachin succeedeth him.
7 The King of Egypt is vanquished by the King of Babylon.
8 Iehoiachin his euill reigne. 10 Ierusalem is taken and carried captiue into Babylon. 17 Zedekiah is made King, and reigneth ill, vnto the vtter destruction of Iudah.

IN his dayes Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came vp, and Iehoiakim became his seruant three yeeres: then hee turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bandes of the Syrians, and bandes of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against **Chap. 20. 17. and 23. 27.*
Iudah to destroy it, *according to the word of the LORD, *†Heb. by the*
which hee spake †by his seruants the Prophets. *the hand of.*

3 Surely at the commandement of
the

the LORD came *this* vpon Iudah, to remooue *them* out of his sight, for the sinnes of Manasseh, according to all that he did :

4 And also for the innocent blood that hee shedde: (for hee filled Ierusalem with innocent blood) which the LORD would not pardon.

5 ¶ Nowe the rest of the actes of Iehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the Kings of Iudah ?

6 So Iehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Iehoiachin his sonne reigned in his stead.

7 And the king of Egypt came not againe any more out of his land: for the King of Babylon had taken from the riuier of Egypt, vnto the riuier Euphrates, all that pertained to the King of Egypt.

8 ¶ Iehoiachin was eighteene yeres old when he began to reigne, & he reigned in Ierusalem three moneths: & his mothers name *was* Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan, of Ierusalem.

9 And hee did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

* Dan. 1. 10 ¶ At that time the seruants of Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon came vp against Ierusalem, and the citie † was besieged.

1. † *Heb. came into siege.*

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the citie, and his seruants did besiege it.

¶ *Or, Eunuches.*

12 And Iehoiachin the King of Iudah went out to the king of Babylon, hee, and his mother, and his seruants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon tooke him in the eight yeere of his reigne.

* Chap. 20. 13 * And hee caried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasure of the kings house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon King of Israel had made in the Temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

17. esa. 39. 6

14 And hee caried away all Ierusalem, and all the princes, & all the mighty men of valour, *euen* tenne thousand captiues, and all the craftsmen, and smiths: none remained, saue the poorest sort of the people of the land.

* 2. Chron. 36. 10. esth. 2. 6. ¶ *Or, Eunuches.*

15 And * he caried away Iehoiachin to Babylon, and the kings mother, and the kings wiues, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those caried hee

into captiuitie, from Ierusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, *euen* seuen thousand, and craftesmen, & smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for warre, euen them the king of Babylon brought captiue to Babylon.

17 ¶ And * the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his fathers ^{* Iere. 37.} brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah. ^{1. and 52.}

18 Zedekiah *was* twentie and one yeeres olde when hee began to reigne, *and* he reigned eleuen yeeres in Ierusalem : and his mothers name was Hamutal, the daughter of Ieremiah of Libnah.

19 And hee did that *which was* euill in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Iehoiachin had done.

20 For through the anger of the LORD it came to passe in Ierusalem and Iudah, vntill he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Ierusalem is besieged. 4 Zedekiah taken, his sonnes slaine, his eyes put out. 8 Nabuzaradan defaceth the city, carieth the remnant, except a few poore labourers, into captiuitie, 13 Spoileth and carieth away the treasures. 18 The Nobles are slaine at Riblah. 22 Gedaliah, who was set ouer them that remained, being slaine, the rest flee into Egypt. 27 Euilmerodach aduanceth Iehoiachin in his court.

And it came to passe * in the ninth yeere of his reigne, in ^{* Iere. 39.} the tenth moneth, in the tenth *day* of the moneth, that ^{1. and 52.} Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, hee, and all his hoste, ^{4.} against Ierusalem, and pitched against it, and they built fortes against it, round about.

2 And the citie was besieged vnto the eleuenth yeere of king Zedekiah.

3 And on the ninth *day* of the * *fourth* moneth, the famine ^{* Iere. 52.} preuailed in the city, and there was no bread for the people ^{6.} of the land.

4 ¶ And the citie was broken vp, and all the men of warre *fled* by night, by the way of the gate, betweene two walles, which *is* by the kings garden, (now the Caldees *were* against the citie round about) and *the King* went the way toward the plaine.

5 And

5 And the army of the Caldees pursued after the King, and ouertooke him in the plaines of Iericho: and all his armie were scattered from him.

6 So they tooke the King, and brought him vp to the King of Babylon, to Riblah, and they gaue †iudgement vpon him.

† *Hebr. spake iudgement with him.*

7 And they slew the sonnes of Zedekiah before his eyes, and †put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brasse, and carried him to Babylon.

† *Heb. made blinde.*

8 ¶ And in the fifth moneth, on the seuenth *day* of the moneth (which is the nineteenth yeere of King Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon) came Nebuzaradan ||captaine of the guard, a seruant of the king of Babylon, vnto Ierusalem:

|| *Or, chiefe Marshall.*

9 And hee burnt the house of the LORD, and the kings house, and all the houses of Ierusalem, and euery great mans house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Caldees that were with the captaine of the guard, brake downe the walles of Ierusalem round about.

11 Now the rest of the people that were left in the citie, and the †fugitiues that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captaine of the guard cary away.

† *Hebr. fallen away.*

12 But the captaine of the guard left of the poore of the land, to be Vine-dressers, and husbandmen.

* Chap. 20.
17. iere. 27.
22.

13 And *the pillars of brasse that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, did the Caldees breake in pieces, and caried the brasse of them to Babylon.

14 And the pots, and the shouels, and the snuffers, and the spoones, and all the vessels of brasse wherewith they ministered, tooke they away.

15 And the fire-pans, and the bowles, & such things as were of golde, *in* golde, and of siluer, *in* siluer, the captaine of the guard tooke away.

† *Hebr. the one sea.*

16 The two pillars, †one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD, the brasse of al these vessels was without weight.

* 1. King.
7. 15. iere.
52. 21.

17 *The height of the one pillar was eighteene cubits, and the chapter vpon it was brasse: and the height of the chapter three cubites; and the wreathen

worke, and pomegranates vpon the chapter round about, all of brasse: and like vnto these had the second pillar with wreathen worke.

18 ¶ And the captaine of the guard, tooke Seraiah the chiefe Priest, and Zephaniah the second Priest, and the three keepers of the † doore.

19 And out of the citie hee tooke an || Officer, that was set ouer the men of warre, and fīue men of them that † were in the kings presence, which were found in the citie, and the || principall Scribe of the hoste, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore men of the people of the land that were found in the citie.

† Hebr. threshold.

|| Or, Eunuch.

† Hebr. saw the Kings

face.

|| Or, scribe of the captaine of the hoste.

20 And Nebuzaradan captaine of the guard tooke these, and brought them to the king of Babylon, to Riblah.

21 And the King of Babylon smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath: so Iudah was caried away out of their land.

22 ¶ * And as for the people that remained in the land of Iudah, whom Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon had left, euen ouer them he made Gedaliah the sonne of Ahikam, the sonne of Shaphan, ruler. * Iere. 40. 5, 9.

23 And when all the * captaines of the armies, they, and their men, heard that the King of Babylon had made Gedaliah * Iere. 40. 7. *gouernour*, there came to Gedaliah to Mispah, euen Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah, and Iohanan the sonne of Careah, and Seraiah the sonne of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Iazaniah the sonne of a Maachathite, they, and their men.

24 And Gedaliah sware to them and to their men, and said vnto them, Feare not to be the seruants of the Caldees: dwell in the land, and serue the King of Babylon; and it shall bee well with you.

25 But it came to passe in the seuenth moneth, that Ishmael the sonne of Nethaniah, the sonne of Elishama, of † the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and * smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Iewes, and the Caldees that were with him at Mizpah. † Hebr. of the king-dome. * Iere. 41. 2.

26 And all the people both small and great, and the captaines of the armies arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Caldees.

27 ¶ And it came to passe in the seuen
and

and thirtieth yeere of the captiuitie of Iehoiachin king of Iudah, in the twelfth moneth, on the seuen and twentieth day of the moneth, that Euilmerodach king of Babylon, in the yeere that he began to reigne, did lift vp the head of Iehoiachin king of Iudah out of prison.

† *Heb.*
good things
with him.

28 And he spake † kindly to him, and

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of the

CHAP. I.

1 Adams line to Noah. 5 The sonnes of Iapheth. 8 The sonnes of Ham. 17 The sonnes of Shem. 24 Shems line to Abraham. 29 Ishmaels sonnes. 32 The sonnes of Keturah. 34 The posteritie of Abraham by Esau. 43 The Kings of Edom. 51 The Dukes of Edom.

* Gen. 5. 3,
9.

Adam, * Sheth, Enosh,
2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Iered,
3 Henoch, Methushelah, Lamech,
4 Noah, Shem, Ham, & Iapheth.

* Gen. 10.
2

5 ¶ * The sonnes of Iapheth : Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Iauan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

¶ *Or, Di-*
phath, as it
is in some
copies.

6 And the sonnes of Gomer : Ashchenaz, and ¶ Riphath, and Togarmah.

¶ *Or, Ro-*
danim,
accorning
to some
copies.

7 And the sonnes of Iauan : Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and ¶ Dodanim.

8 ¶ The sonnes of Ham : Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

9 And the sonnes of Cush : Siba, and Hauilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtechah : and the sonnes of Raamah : Sheba, and Dedan.

* Gen. 10.
8

10 And Cush * begate Nimrod : hee began to be mightie vpon the earth.

11 And Mizraim begate Ludim, and

set his throne aboue the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon,

29 And changed his prison garments: and he did eate bread continually before him all the dayes of his life.

30 And his allowance *was* a continuall allowance giuen him of the king, a dayly rate for euery day, all the dayes of his life.

FIRST BOOKE

Chronicles.

Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim (of whome came the Philistines) and *Caphthorim.

* Deut. 2.

13 And Canaan begate Zidon his first borne, and Heth. 23.

14 The Iebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

15 And the Hiuite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

16 And the Aruadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 ¶ The sonnes of *Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and *Gen. 10. Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Vz, & Hul, and Gether, 23. & 11. 10.

and || Meshech. || Or, Mash. gen.

18 And Arphaxad begate Shelah, and Shelah begate Eber. 10. 23.

19 And vnto Eber were borne two sonnes: the name of the one *was* || Peleg, (because in his dayes the earth was || That is, diuided) and his brothers name *was* Ioktan. diuision.

20 And *Ioktan begate Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazer- *Gen. 10. maueth, and Ierah, 26.

21 Hadoram also, and Vzal, and Diklah,

22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,

23 And Ophir, and Hauilah, and Iobab: all these *were* the sonnes of Ioktan.

24 ¶ *Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,

* Luke 3.

25 *Eber, Peleg, Rehu,

24

26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,

* Gen. 11.

27 * Abram, 15.

- * Gen. 17. 27 * Abram, the same *is* Abraham.
- 5 * Gen. 21. 28 The sonnes of Abraham : * Isaac, and * Ishmael.
- 2, 3. 29 ¶ These *are* their generations: The *first-borne of
- * Gen. 16. 11. Ishmael, Nebaioth, then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,
- * Gen. 25. 13, to 17. 30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, ¶ Hadad, and Tema,
- ¶ Or, *Ha-* 31 Ietur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sonnes of
- dar*, Gen. 25. 14 Ishmael.
- 32 ¶ Now the sonnes of Keturah, Abrahams Concubine : she bare Zimran, and Iokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sonnes of Iokshan, Sheba, and Dedan.
- 33 And the sonnes of Midian : Ephah, and Ephar, and Henoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these *are* the sonnes of Keturah.
- 34 And Abraham begate Isaac. The sonnes of Isaac : Esau, and Israel.
- * Gen. 36. 9, 10. 35 ¶ The sonnes of * Esau : Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Iaalam, and Korah.
- ¶ Or, *Zepho*, Gen. 36. 12. 36 The sonnes of Eliphaz : Teman, and Omar, ¶ Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek.
- 37 The sonnes of Reuel : Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.
- 38 And the sonnes of Seir : Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan.
- ¶ Or, *He-* 39 And the sonnes of Lotan : Hori, and ¶ Homam : and
- man*, Gen. 36. 22. Timna *was* Lotans sister.
- ¶ Or, *Aluan*, Gen. 36. 23. 40 The sonnes of Shobal : ¶ Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, ¶ Shephi, and Onam. And the sonnes of Zibeon : Aiah, and Anah.
- ¶ Or, *Sepho*, Gen. 36. 23. 41 The sonnes of Anah : * Dishon. And the sonnes of Dishon : ¶ Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran.
- * Chap. 2. 42 The sonnes of Ezer : Bilham, and Zauan, *and* ¶ Iakan.
31. 43 ¶ Now these *are* the * kings that reigned in the land of
- ¶ Or *Hem-* Edom, before any king reigned ouer the children of Israel.
36. 26. Bela the sonne of Beor; and the name of his citie, was
- ¶ Or *Akan*, Dinhabah.
- Gen. 36. 27. 44 And when Bela was dead, Iobab the sonne of Zerah of
- * Gen. 36. 31. Bosrah, reigned in his stead.
- 45 And when Iobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanits, reigned in his stead.

46 And when Husham was dead, Hadad the sonne of Bedad (which smote Midian in the field of Moab) reigned in his stead: and the name of his citie *was* Auih.

47 And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah, reigned in his stead.

48 And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth *by the riuer, reigned in his stead. * Gen. 36. 37.

49 And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the sonne of Achbor, reigned in his stead.

50 And when Baal-hanan was dead, || Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his citie *was* || Pai: and his wiues name *was* Mehetabel the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. || Or, Hadar, Gen. 36. 39 || Or, Pau, Gen. 36.

51 ¶ Hadad dyed also. And the *Dukes of Edom were: Duke Timnah, Duke Aliah, Duke Ietheth, 39 * Gen. 36. 40.

52 Duke Aholibamah, Duke Elah, Duke Pinon,

53 Duke Kenaz, Duke Teman, Duke Mibzar,

54 Duke Magdiel, Duke Iram. These *are* the Dukes of Edom.

CHAP. II.

1 The sonnes of Israel. 3 The posteritie of Iudah by Tamar. 13 The children of Iesse. 18 The posteritie of Caleb the sonne of Hesron. || Or, Jacob. * Gen. 29.
21 Hesrons posteritie by the daughter of Machir. 25 Ierahmeels posteritie. 34 Sheshans posteritie. 42 another branch of Calebs posteritie. 50 The posteritie of Caleb the sonne of Hur. 32. & 30. 5. & 35. 18, 22. & 46. 8. &c.

THese *are* the sonnes of || Israel: *Reuben, Simeon, Leui, and Iudah, Issachar, and Zebulun, * Gen. 38. 3. & 46. 12. * Gen. 38. 2.
2 Dan, Ioseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. * Gen. 38. 29, 30. Mat. 1. 3. * Ruth. 4. 18.
3 ¶ The sonnes of *Iudah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah. * Gen. 38. 29, 30. Mat. 1. 3. * Ruth. 4. 18.
Which three were borne vnto him, of the daughter of Shua *the Canaanites. And Er the first-borne of Iudah, was euill in the sight of the LORD, and he slue him.

4 And *Tamar his daughter-in law bare him Pharez, and Zerah. All the sonnes of Iudah *were* fue.

5 The sonnes of *Pharez: Hezron, and Hamul. || Or, Zabdi, Iosh. 7. 1. * 1. Kin. 4. 31. || Or,

6 And the sonnes of Zerah: || Zimri, *and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and || Dara. Fiue of them in all. || Or, Darda,

7 And

- || Or, 7 And the sonnes of Carmi: || Achar, the troubler of Israel,
Achan. who transgressed in the thing *accursed.
 *Iosh. 6. 8 And the sonnes of Ethan: Azariah.
 19. and 7. 9 The sonnes also of Hezron, that were borne vnto him:
 1. 25. Ierahmeel, and || Ram, and || Chelubai.
 || Or, 10 And Ram *begate Aminadab, and Aminadab begat
Aram. Nahshon, prince of the children of Iudah.
Mat. 1. 3. 11 And Nahshon begate Salma, and Salma begate
 || Or, Boaz.
Caleb. 12 And Boaz begate Obed, and Obed begate Iesse.
ver. 18. 13 ¶ * And Iesse begate his first-borne Eliab, and Abinadab
 * Ruth. 4. the second, and || Shimma the third,
 19. 14 Nathanael the fourth, Raddai the fifth,
 * 1. Sam. 15 Ozem the sixth, Daud the seuenth:
 16. 6. 16 Whose sisters were Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the
 || Or, sonnes of Zeruiah: Abishai, and Ioab, and Asahel, three.
Shamma, 17 And Abigail bare Amasa. And the father of Amasa,
 1. Sam. was Iether the Ishmeelite.
 16. 9. 18 ¶ And Caleb the sonne of Hezron, begate *children* of
 Azubah *his* wife, and of Ierioth: her sonnes *are* these:
 Ieshar, Shobab, and Ardon.
 19 And when Azubah was dead, Caleb tooke vnto him
 Ephrath, which bare him Hur.
 * Exod. 31. 20 And Hur begate Vri, and Vri begate * Bezaleel.
 2. 21 ¶ And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter
 † Heb. of Machir, the father of Gilead, whom hee † married
 tooke. when he *was* threescore yeeres old, and she bare him
 Segub.
 22 And Segub begate Iair, who had three and twenty cities
 in the land of Gilead.
 * Num. 32. 23 * And he tooke Geshur, and Aram, with the townes of
 41. deut. 3. Iair, from them, with Kenath, and the townes thereof, *euen*
 14. iosh. threescore cities. All these *belonged to* the sonnes of Machir,
 13. 30. the father of Gilead.
 24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb Ephratah,
 then Abiah Hezrons wife, bare him Ashur, the father of
 Tekoa.
 25 ¶ And the sonnes of Ierahmeel the first-borne of Hezron,
 were Ram the first-borne, and Bunah, and Oren, and Ozen,
 and Ahiah.

26 Ierahmeel had also an other wife, whose name *was* Atarah, she *was* the mother of Onam.

27 And the sonnes of Ram the first-borne of Ierahmeel, were Maaz, and Iamin, and Ekar.

28 And the sonnes of Onam were, Shammai, and Iada. And the sonnes of Shammai: Nadab, and Abishur.

29 And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and shee bare him Ahban, and Molid.

30 And the sonnes of Nadab: Seled, and Appaim. But Seled died without children.

31 And the sonnes of Appaim, Ishi: and the sonnes of Ishi, Sheshan: and the children of Sheshan, Ahlai.

32 And the sonnes of Iada the brother of Shammai, Iether, and Ionathan: and Iether died without children.

33 And the sonnes of Ionathan, Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sonnes of Ierahmeel.

34 ¶ Now Sheshan had no sonnes, but daughters: and Sheshan had a seruant, an Egyptian, whose name was Iarha.

35 And Sheshan gaue his daughter to Iarha his seruant to wife, and she bare him Attai.

36 And Attai begate Nathan, and Nathan begate *Zabad, *Chap. 11.

37 And Zabad begate Ephlal, and Ephlal begate Obed, 41.

38 And Obed begate Iehu, and Iehu begate Azariah,

39 And Azariah begate Helez, and Helez begate Eleasah,

40 And Eleasah begate Sisamai, and Sisamai begate Shallum,

41 And Shallum begate Iekamiah, and Iekamiah begate Elishama.

42 ¶ Now the sonnes of Caleb the brother of Ierahmeel *were*, Mesha his first-borne, which was the father of Ziph: and the sonnes of Maresha the father of Hebron.

43 And the sonnes of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema.

44 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Iorkoam: and Rekem begate Shammai.

45 And the sonne of Shammai was Maon: and Maon *was* the father of Beth-zur.

46 And Ephah Calebs concubine bare

bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begate Gazez.

47 And the sonnes of Iahdai: Regem, and Iotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.

48 Maacha Calebs concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah.

49 Shee bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheua the father of Machbenah, & the father of Gibeaz: And the daughter of Caleb **was* Achsah.

*Iosh. 15.
17.

50 ¶ These were the sonnes of Caleb, the sonne of Hur, the first borne of Ephratah: Shobal the father of Kiriath-earim,

51 Salma the father of Bethlehem: Hareph the father of Beth-gader.

¶ Or,
Reaiah,
chap. 4. 2.

52 And Shobal the father of Kiriath-earim, had sonnes, ¶ Haroe, and ¶ halfe of the Manahethites.

¶ Or, halfe
of the Me-
nuchites,
Or Hatsi-
hammenu-
choth.

53 And the families of Kiriath-earim, the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites: of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites.

¶ Or, Ata-
rites, or,
crownes of
the house
of Ioab.

54 The sonnes of Salmah: Bethlehem, and the Netopha-thites, ¶ Ataroth, the house of Ioab, and halfe of the Manahethites, the Zorites.

*Iud. 1. 16
*Ier. 35. 2.

55 And the families of the Scribes, which dwelt at Iabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These *are* the **Kenites* that came of Hemath, the father of the house of **Rechab*.

CHAP. III.

1 The sonnes of Dauid. 10 His line to Zedekiah. 17 The successors of Ieconiah.

NOW these were the sonnes of Dauid, which were borne vnto him in Hebron. The first borne **Amnon*, of Ahinoam the **Iesreelitesse*: the second ¶ Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitesse:

*2. Sam.
3. 2
*Iosh. 15.

2 The third, Absalom the sonne of Maacha, the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth, Adoniah the sonne of Haggith:

¶ Or,
Chileab,
2. sam. 3.
3

3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by **Eglah* his wife.

*2. Sam.
3. 5
*2. Sam.

4 These sixe were borne vnto him in Hebron, and there hee reigned seuen yeeres, and sixe moneths: and in Ierusalem he reigned thirty and three yeres.

5. 14.
¶ Or,
Shammua,
2. Sam. 5.
14.

5 **And* these were borne vnto him in Ierusalem. ¶ Shimea, and Shobab,

and Nathan, and Solomon, foure, of || Bathshua the daughter of || Ammiel. || Or, Bethsabe, 2. Sam. 11. 13.

6 Ibhar also, and || Elishama, and Eliphelet, || Or, Eliam, 2. Sam. 11. 3.

7 And Noga, and Nepheg, and Iaphia, || Or, Eli-shua 2. Sam. 5. 15

8 And Elishama, and || Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. || Or, Belaida, 1 Chro. 14. 7.

9 *These were* all the sonnes of Dauid : beside the sonnes of the concubines, and Tamar * their sister. * 2. Sam. 13. 1.

10 ¶ And Solomons sonne was * Rehoboam : || Abia his sonne : Asa his son : Iehoshaphat his sonne : * 1. King. 11 43. & 15. 8

11 Ioram his sonne : || Ahaziah his sonne : Ioash his sonne : || Or, Abiam, 1. king. 15. 1

12 Amaziah his sonne : || Azariah his sonne : Iotham his sonne : || Or, Azariah, 2. Chr. 22. 6. & 21. 17.

13 Ahaz his sonne : Hezekiah his sonne : Manasseh his sonne : || Or, Vzziah 2. king. 15. 30.

14 Amon his sonne : Iosiah his sonne. || Or, Ioachaz, 2. king. 23. 30.

15 And the sonnes of Iosiah were : the first borne || Iohanan, the second || Ioakim, the third || Zedekiah, the fourth Sallum. || Or, Elia-kim, 2. king. 23. 34.

16 And the sonnes of * Ioakim : || Ieconiah his sonne, || Zedekiah his sonne. || Or, Ma-thania, 2. kin. 24. 17.

17 ¶ And the sonnes of || Ieconiah, Assir, † Salathiel * his sonne, * Mat. 1. 11.

18 Malchiram also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Iecamiah, Hosama, and Nedabiah. || Or, Ie-hoiachin, 2. king. 24. 6.

19 And the sonnes of Pedaiah were : Zerubbabel, and Shimei : And the sonne of Zerubbabel, Meshullam, and Hananiah, and Shelomith their sister. || Or, Coniah, ier. 22. 24.

20 And Hazubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, & Hasadiah, Iushabhesed, fve. † Heb. She-attiel. * 2. King. 24. 17. be-ing his vn-cle.

21 And the sonnes of Hananiah, Pelatiah, and Iesaiah : the sonnes of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sonnes of Obadiah, the sonnes of Sechaniah. * Mat. 1. 12. † Heb. His-kijah.

22 And the sonnes of Sechaniah, Semaiah : and the sonnes of Semaiah, Hattush, and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, sixe.

23 And the sonnes of Neariah : Elioenai, and † Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.

24 And the sonnes of Elioenai, were : Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Iohanan, and Dalaiah, and Anani, seuen.

CHAP. IIII.

1. 11 The posteritie of Iudah by Caleb the sonne of Hur. 5 Of Ashur the posthumus son of Hezron.

ron. 9 Of Iabez, and his prayer. 21 The posteritie of Shelah.
24 The posteritie and cities of Simeon. 39 Their conquest of
Gedor, and of the Amalekites in mount Seir.

* Gen. 38.
29. and 46.

12.
|| Or, Che-
lubai,
Chap. 2. 9.
or Caleb,
Chap. 2.
18,

|| Or, Ha-
roe, Chap.
2. 52.

* Cha. 2.
24.

THE sonnes of Iudah : * Pharez, Hezron, and || Carmi,
and Hur, and Shobal.

2 And || Reaiah, the son of Shobal, begate Iahath, and Iahath
begate Ahumai, & Lahad. These are the families of the
Zorathites.

3 And these *were* of the father of Etam : Iezreel & Ishma,
& Idbash : and the name of their sister *was* Hazelelponi.

4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of
Hushah. These *are* the sonnes of Hur, the first borne of
Ephratah, the father of Bethlehem.

5 ¶ And * Ashur the father of Tekoa, had two wiues :
Helah, & Naarah.

6 And Naarah bare him Ahusam, and Hephher, and Temeni,
and Ahashtari. These *were* the sonnes of Naarah.

7 And the sonnes of Helah *were* : Zereth, and Zoar, and
Ethnan.

8 And Coz begate Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of
Aharhel, the sonne of Harum.

|| That is,
sorrowfull.

† Heb. If
thou wilt,
&c.

† Heb. doe
me.

9 ¶ And Iabez was more honourable then his brethren :
and his mother called his name || Iabez, saying, Because I
bare him with sorrow.

10 And Iabez called on the God of Israel, saying, † Oh that
thou wouldest blesse mee indeede, and enlarge my coast, and
that thine hand might bee with me, and that thou wouldest
† keepe mee from euill, that it may not grieue me. And
God granted him that which he requested.

|| Or, the
city of Na-
hash.

|| Or, Ha-
thath, and
Meono-
thai, who
begate, &c.

|| Or, inha-
bitants of
the valley.
|| That is,
craftes-
men.

|| Or,
Vknaz.

11 ¶ And Chelub the brother of Shuah, begate Mehir,
which *was* the father of Eshton.

12 And Eshton begate Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and
Tehinnah the father of || Ir-nahash. These *are* the men of
Rechah.

13 And the sonnes of Kenaz : Othniel, and Saraia : and
the sonnes of Othniel, || Hathath.

14 And Meonothai begate Ophrah : and Seraiah begate
Ioab, the father of the || valley of || Charasim, for they were
craftesmen.

15 And the sonnes of Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh : Iru,
Elah, and Naam, and the sonnes of Elah, || euen Kenaz.

16 And the sonnes of Iehaleleel :

Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel.

17 And the sonnes of Ezra *were*: Iether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Ialon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, & Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa.

18 And his wife ||Iehudiiah bare Iered the father of Gedor, || *Or, the Jewesse.* and Heber the father of Socho, and Iekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sonnes of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered tooke.

19 And the sonnes of his wife ||Hodiah, the sister of Naham || *Or, Iehudiiah, mentioned before.* the father of Keilah, the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite.

20 And the sonnes of Simeon *were*: Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sonnes of Ishi *were*: Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

21 ¶ The sonnes of Shelah *the sonne of Iudah *were*: Er *Gen. 38. the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and ¹, 5. the families of the house of them that wrought fine linnen, of the house of Ashbea.

22 And Iokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Ioash, and Saraph, who had the dominion in Moab, & Iashubi Lehem. And these are ancient things.

23 These *were* the Potters, and those that dwelt amongst plants and hedges. There they dwelt with the king for his worke.

24 ¶ The sonnes of Simeon *were*: ||Nemuel, and Iamin, || *Or, Iemuel, Gen. 46. 10.* Iarib, Zerah, and Shaul:

25 Shallum his sonne: Mibsam his sonne: Mishma his sonne. *Exod. 6.*

26 And the sonnes of Mishma: Hamuel his sonne, Zacchur ¹⁵. his sonne, Shimei his sonne.

27 And Shimei *had* sixteene sonnes, and sixe daughters, but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply †like to the children of Iudah. † *Heb. vnto.*

28 And they dwelt at *Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, ² * *Iosh. 19.*

29 And at ||Bilha, and at Ezem, and at ||Tolad, || *Or, Bela, Iosh. 19. 3.*

30 And at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Ziklag, || *Or, Eltolad, Ios.*

31 And at Beth-marcaboth, and ||Hazar-Susim, and at Bethbirei, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities, vnto the reigne of Dauid. ^{19. 4} || *Or, Hazar-Susa, Iosh.*

32 And their villages *were*: ||Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities. ^{19. 5.} || *Or, Ether, Iosh. 19. 7.*

33 And

33 And all their villages that *were* round about the same cities, vnto || Baal. These were their habitations, and their
 || Or, Baa-
 lath-Beer,
 Iosh. 19. 8. || genealogie:

34 And Meshobab, and Iamlech, and Ioshah the sonne of Amashiah,

35 And Ioel, and Iehu the sonne of Iosibia, the sonne of Seraia, the sonne of Asiel,

36 And Elioenai, and Iaakobah, and Iesohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Iesimiel, and Benaiah,

37 And Ziza the sonne of Shiphi, the sonne of Allon, the sonne of Iedaia, the sonne of Shimri, the sonne of Shemaiah.

38 These † mentioned by *their* names, *were* Princes in their families, and the house of their fathers increased greatly.

39 ¶ And they went to the entrance of Gedor, euen vnto the East side of the valley, to seeke pasture for their flocks.

40 And they found fat pasture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable: for *they* of Ham had dwelt there of old.

41 And these written by name, came in the dayes of Hezekiah king of Iudah, and smote their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them vtterly vnto this day, and dwelt in their roomes: because *there was* pasture there for their flocks.

42 And *some* of them, *euen* of the sonnes of Simeon, fīue hundred men, went to mount Seir, hauing for their captaines Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Vzziel, the sonnes of Ishi.

43 And they smote the rest of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there vnto this day.

CHAP. V.

- 1 The line of Reuben (who lost his birthright) vnto the captiuitie.
 9 Their habitation and conquest of the Hagarites. 11 The chiefe men, and habitations of Gad. 18 The number and conquest of Reuben, Gad, and the halfe of Manasseh. 23 The habitations and chiefe men of that halfe tribe. 25 Their captiuitie for their sinne.

NOW the sonnes of Reuben the first borne of Israel, (for
 *hee *was* the first borne, but, forasmuch as he defiled
 his fathers bed, his birthright was giuen vnto the

* Gen. 35.
 22. and 49.
 4.

sonnes of Ioseph the sonne of Israel: and the genealogie is not to be reckoned after the birthright.

2 For *Iudah preuailed aboue his brethren, and of him came the *chiefe ||rulers, but the birthright was *Iosephs. * Gen. 49. 9, 10. * Mich. 5.

3 The *sonnes, *I say*, of Reuben the first borne of Israel were: Hanoch, and Pallu, Ezron, and Carmi. 2. matth. 2. 6.

4 The sonnes of Ioel: Shemaiah his sonne: Gog his sonne: Shimei his sonne: || Or, Prince. * Gen. 46.

5 Micah his son: Reaia his sonne: Baal his sonne. 9. exod. 6.

6 Beerah his sonne: whom ||Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, carried away *captiue*: He was Prince of the Reubenites. 14. num. 26. 5. || Or, Tig-lath-pilneser, 2. king. 15. 29. and 16. 7.

7 And his brethren by their families (when the genealogie of their generations was reckoned) were the chiefe, Ieiel, and Zechariah, || Or, Shemaiah, ver. 4.

8 And Bela the sonne of Azah, the sonne of ||Shema, the sonne of Ioel, who dwelt in *Aroer, euen vnto Nebo, and Baalmeon. * Iosh. 13. 15, 16.

9 And Eastward he inhabited vnto the entring in of the wildernes, from the riuer Euphrates: because their cattell were multiplied in the land of Gilead.

10 And in the dayes of Saul, they made warre with the Hagarites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents †throughout all the East *land* of Gilead. † Hebr. vpon all the face of the East.

11 ¶ And the children of Gad dwelt ouer against them, in the land of *Bashan vnto Salchah. * Iosh. 13. 11.

12 Ioel the chiefe, and Shapham the next: and Iaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan.

13 And their brethren of the house of their fathers, were: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Iorai, and Iachan, and Zia, and Heber, seuen.

14 These are the children of Abihail the sonne of Huri, the sonne of Iaroah, the sonne of Gilead, the sonne of Michael, the sonne of Ieshishai, the sonne of Iahdo, the sonne of Buz:

15 Ahi the sonne of Abdiel, the sonne of Guni, chiefe of the house of their fathers. * Chap. 27. 29.

16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her townes, and in all the Suburbs of *Sharon, vpon †their borders. † Hebr. their goings forth.

17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the dayes of Iotham *king of Iudah, and in the dayes of Ieroboam king of Israel.

18 ¶ The sonnes of Reuben, and the Gadites, and halfe the tribe of Manasseh, of † valiant men, men able to beare buckler and sword, and to shoote with bow, and skilfull in warre, *were* foure and fourtie thousand, seuen hundred and threescore, that went out to the warre.

19 And they made warre with the Hagarites, with *Ietur, and Nephish, and Nodab.

20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagarites were deliuered into their hand, and all that *were* with them: for they cried to God in the battell, and he was intreated of them, because they put their trust in him.

21 And they † tooke away their cattell: of their camels fiftie thousand, and of sheepe two hundred and fiftie thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of † men an hundred thousand.

22 For there fell downe many slaine, because the warre *was* of God. And they dwelt in their steads vntil the captiuitie.

23 ¶ And the children of the halfe tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the lande: they increased from Bashan vnto Baal-hermon, and Senir, and vnto mount Hermon.

24 And these *were* the heads of the house of their fathers, euen Ephraim, and Ishi, & Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaiah, and Iahdiel, mightie men of valour, † famous men, & heads of the house of their fathers.

25 ¶ And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went *a whoring after the Gods of the people of the land, whome God destroyed before them.

26 And the God of Israel stirred vp the spirit of *Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he caried them away (euen the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the halfe tribe of Manasseh :) & brought them

vnto *Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the riuer Gozan, vnto this day.

CHAP. VI.

1 The sonnes of Leui. 4 The line of the Priests vnto the captiuitie.

16 The families of Gershom, Merari, and Kohath. 49 The office of

Aaron and his line vnto Ahimaaz. 54 The cities of the Priests and Leuites.

- T**He sonnes of Leui: *||Gershon, Kohath & Merari. * Gen. 46.
 2 And the sonnes of Kohath: Amram, Izahar, & 11. exod.
 Hebron, & Vzziel. 6. 17.
 3 And the children of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and || Or, Gershom, ver. 16
 Miriam. The sonnes also of Aaron: *Nadab, and Abihu, * Leuit.
 Eleazar, and Ithamar. 10. 1.
 4 ¶ Eleazar begate Phinehas, Phinehas begate Abishua.
 5 And Abishua begate Bukki, and Bukki begate Vzzi,
 6 And Vzzi begate Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begate Meraioth,
 7 Meraioth begate Amariah, and Amariah begate Ahitub,
 8 And *Ahitub begate Zadok, and Zadok begate Ahimaaz, * 2. Sam.
 9 And Ahimaaz begate Azariah, and Azariah begate Io- 15 27.
 hanan,
 10 And Iohanan begate Azariah, (hee it is that executed the
 Priests office, in † the * temple that Solomon built in Ierusalem) † Hebr. in
 11 And Azariah begate Amariah, and Amariah begate the house.
 Ahitub, * 2. Chron.
 12 And Ahitub begate Zadok, and Zadok begate || Shallum, 3. 1. king.
 13 And Shallum begate Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begate Azariah, 6.
 14 And Azariah begate *Seraiah, and Seraiah begate || Or, Meshullam.
 Iehozadak, 1. chro. 9.
 15 And Iehozadak went into captiuitie, * when the LORD 11
 caried away Iudah and Ierusalem by the hand of Nebu- * Nehem.
 chad-nezzar. 11. 11.
 16 ¶ The sonnes of Leui: *||Gershom, Kohath, and * 2. Kings
 Merari. 25. 18.
 17 And these be the names of the sonnes of Gershom: * Exod. 6.
 Libni, & Shimei. 17.
 18 And the sonnes of Kohath were: Amram, and Izhar, || Or, Gershom,
 and Hebron, and Vzziel. ver. 1.
 19 The sonnes of Merari: Mahli, and Mushi. All these
 are the families of the Leuites, according to their fathers. * Vers. 42.
 20 Of Gershom: Libni his sonne, Iahath his sonne, || Or,
 *Zimmah his sonne, Ethan. ver. 2.
 21 ||Ioah his sonne, ||Iddo his sonne, Zerah his sonne, || Or,
 Ieaterai his sonne, Adaia. ver. 41.
 22 The sonnes of Kohath: || Amminadab his sonne, Korah || Or, Iza-
 his sonne, Assir his sonne, har, ver. 2,
 23 Elkanah 18.

23 Elkanah his sonne, and Ebiasaph his sonne, and Assir his sonne,

24 Tahath his sonne, Vriel his sonne, Vziah his sonne, and Shaul his sonne.

* See 35. & 36. verses. 25 And the sonnes of Elkanah : * Amasai, and Ahimoth.
 || Or Zuph, 26 As for Elkanah : the sonnes of Elkanah, || Zophai his sonne, and Nahath his sonne,

1. 27 Eliab his sonne, Ieroham his sonne, Elkanah his sonne.
 || Called also Ioel, 28 And the sonnes of Samuel : the first borne || Vashni, and Abiah.

ver. 33. & 1. Sam. 8. 29 The sonnes of Merari : Mahli, Libni his sonne, Shimei his sonne, Vziah his sonne,

30 Shimea his sonne, Haggiah his sonne, Asaiah his sonne.

31 And these *are they*, whom Dauid set ouer the seruice of song in the house of the Lord, after that the * Arke had rest.

1. 32 And they ministred before the dwelling place of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, with singing, vntill Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Ierusalem : and then they waited on their office, according to their order.

† Heb. stood. 33 And these are they that † waited with their children of the sonnes of the Kohathites, Heman a singer : the sonne of Ioel, the sonne of Shemuel,

34 The sonne of Elkanah, the sonne of Ieroham, the sonne of Eliel, the sonne of Toah,

35 The sonne of Zuph, the sonne of Elkanah, the sonne of Mahath, the sonne of Amasai,

36 The sonne of Elkanah, the sonne of Ioel, the sonne of Azariah, the sonne of Zephaniah,

37 The sonne of Tahath, the sonne of Assir, the sonne of * Ebiasaph, the sonne of Korah,

* Exod. 6. 24. 38 The sonne of Izhar, the sonne of Kohath, the sonne of Leui, the sonne of Israel.

39 And his brother Asaph (who stood on his right hand) *euen* Asaph the sonne of Berachiah, the sonne of Shimea,

40 The sonne of Michael, the sonne of Baasiah, the sonne of Melchiah,

41 The sonne of Ethni, the sonne of Zerah, the sonne of Adaiah,

42 The sonne of Ethan, the sonne of Zimmah, the sonne of Shimei,

43 The sonne of Iahath, the sonne

of Gershom, the sonne of Leui.

44 And their brethren the sonnes of Merari, *stood* on the left hand: Ethan the sonne of || Kishi, the sonne of Abdi, ^{|| Or, Kushaiah.} the sonne of Malluch, ^{chap. 15.}

45 The sonne of Hashabiah, the sonne of Amaziah, the sonne of Hilkihah, ^{17.}

46 The sonne of Amzi, the sonne of Bani, the sonne of Shamer,

47 The sonne of Mahli, the sonne of Mushi, the sonne of Merari, the sonne of Leui.

48 Their brethren also the Leuits were appointed vnto all maner of seruice of the Tabernacle of the house of God.

49 ¶ But Aaron, and his sonnes offered *vpon the altar of *Leuit. 1. the burnt offering, and *on the altar of incense, *and were* ^{9.} appointed for all the worke of the place most holy, and to ^{*Exod. 30.} make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the seruant of God had commaunded. ^{7.}

50 And these *are* the sonnes of Aaron: Eleazar his sonne, Phinehas his sonne, Abishua his sonne,

51 Bukki his sonne, Vzzi his sonne, Zerariah his sonne,

52 Meraioth his sonne, Amariah his sonne, Ahitub his sonne,

53 Zadok his sonne, Ahimaaz his sonne.

54 ¶ Now these *are* their dwelling places, throughout their castels in their coasts, of the sonnes of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites: for theirs was the lot.

55 And they gaue them Hebron in the land of Iudah, and the suburbs thereof round about it.

56 But the fields of the citie, and the villages thereof, they gaue to Caleb the sonne of Iephunneh.

57 And to the sonnes of Aaron they gaue the cities of Iudah, namely Hebron the citie of refuge, and Libna with her suburbs, and Iattir and Eshtemoa, with their suburbs,

58 And || Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs, ^{|| Or Holon, Iosh. 21.}

59 And || Ashan with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs. ^{15.}

60 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Geba with her suburbs, and || Alemeth with her suburbs, Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* ^{|| Or Ain, Iosh. 21.} thirteene cities. ^{16.} ^{|| Or Almon, Iosh. 21.}

61 And vnto the sonnes of Kohath, which were left of the family of that tribe, *were cities giuen* out of the halfe tribe, * Iosh. 21. *namely* out of the halfe *tribe* of Manasseh, by *lot, ten cities.

5 62 And to the sonnes of Gershom throughout their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteene cities.

63 Vnto the sonnes of Merari *were giuen* by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, *twelue cities.

7, 34. 64 And the children of Israel gaue to the Leuites these cities, with their suburbs.

65 And they gaue by lot, out of the tribe of the children of Iudah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by *their* names.

66 And the *residue* of the families of the sonnes of Kohath, had cities of their coasts, out of the tribe of Ephraim.

* Iosh. 21. 67 * And they gaue vnto them *of* the cities of refuge, 21. Shechem in mount Ephraim, with her suburbs: *they* gaue also Gezer with her suburbs,

68 And Iokmeam with her suburbs, & Beth-horon with her suburbs,

69 And Aialon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs.

70 And out of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sonnes of Kohath.

71 Vnto the sonnes of Gershom, *were giuen* out of the family of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs.

72 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs,

73 And Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs.

74 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs,

75 And Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs.

76 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee, with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kiriathaim with her suburbs.

77 Vnto the rest of the children of Merari *were giuen* out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs.

78 And on the other side Iorden by Iericho, on the East side of Iorden, *were giuen them* out of the tribe of Reuben, || Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, & Iahzah with her suburbs, || *Or, Bozor, Iosh. 21.*

79 Kedemoth also with her suburbs, & Mephaath with her suburbs. 35.

80 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs,

81 And Heshbon with her suburbs, and Iazer with her suburbs.

CHAP. VII.

1 The sonnes of Issachar, 6 Of Benjamin, 13 Of Naphtali, 14 Of Manasseh, 20, 24 And of Ephraim. 21 The calamitie of Ephraim by the men of Gath. 23 Beriah is borne. 28 Ephraims habitations. 30 The sonnes of Asher.

NOW the sonnes of Issachar *were*, *Tola, and Puah, *Gen. 46. 13. num.
Iashub, and Shimron, foure. 26. 23.

2 And the sonnes of Tola: Vzzi, and Rephaiah, and Ieriel, and Iahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers house, *to wit*, of Tola, *they were* valiant men of might in their generations, *whose number *was* in the dayes of Dauid *2. Sam. 24. 1, 2.
two and twentie thousand and sixe hundred.

3 And the sonnes of Vzzi, Izrahiah: and the sonnes of Izrahiah, Michael, and Obadiah, and Ioel, Ishiah, fue: all of them chiefe men.

4 And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, *were* bands of souldiers for warre, sixe and thirtie thousand men: for they had many wiues and sonnes.

5 And their brethren among all the families of Issachar, *were* men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies, fourescore and seuen thousand.

6 ¶ The sonnes of *Benjamin: Bela, and Becher, and *Gen 46. 21.
Iediael, three.

7 And the sonnes of Bela: Ezbon, and Vzzi, and Vzziel, and Ierimoth, and Iri, fue, heads of the house of *their* fathers, mightie men of valour, and were reckoned by their genealogies, twentie and two thousand, and thirtie and foure.

8 And the sonnes of Becher: Ze-
mira,

mira, and Ioash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Ierimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the sonnes of Becher.

9 And the number of them, after their genealogie by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mightie men of valour, *was* twentie thousand and two hundred.

10 The sonnes also of Iediael, Bilhan: and the sonnes of Bilhan, Ieush, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar.

11 All these the sonnes of Iediael, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valour, *were* seuteene thousand and two hundred souldiers, fit to goe out for warre *and* battaile.

|| Or, Iri,
vers. 7.

|| Or. Ahi-
ram. num.
26. 38.

12 Shuppim also, and Huppim, the children of || Ir, *and* Hushim, the sonnes of || Aher.

13 ¶ The sonnes of Naphtali, Iahziel, and Guni, and Iezer, and Shallum, the sonnes of Bilhah.

14 ¶ The sonnes of Manasseh: Ashriel, whom shee bare (*but* his concnbine the Aramitesse, bare Machir the father of Gilead.

15 And Machir tooke to wife *the sister* of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sisters name was Maachah) and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters.

16 And Maachah the wife of Machir bare a sonne, and shee called his name Peresh, and the name of his brother *was* Sheresh, and his sonnes *were* Vlam and Rakem.

* 1. Sam.
12 11.

17 And the sonnes of Vlam, *Bedan. These *were* the sonnes of Gilead, the sonne of Machir, the sonne of Manasseh.

18 And his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishad, and Abiezer, and Mahalah.

19 And the sonnes of Shemida *were*: Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 ¶ And the sonnes of Ephraim: Shuthelah: and Bered his sonne, and Tahath his sonne, and Eladah his sonne, and Tahath his sonne,

21 ¶ And Zabad his sonne, and Shuthelah his sonne, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath, that were borne in that land slewe, because they came downe to take away their cattell.

22 And Ephraim their father mourned many dayes, and his brethren came

to comfort him.

23 ¶ And when hee went in to his wife, shee conceiued and bare a sonne, and he called his name, Beriah, because it went euill with his house.

24 (And his daughter was Sherah, who built Bethoron the nether, and the vpper, and Vzzen Sherah.)

25 And Rephah *was* his sonne, also Rezech, and Telah his sonne, and Tahan his sonne,

26 Laadan his sonne, Amihud his sonne, Elishama his sonne,

27 ¶ Non his sonne, Iehoshua his sonne.

28 ¶ And their possessions and habitations *were*, Bethel, and the townes thereof, and Eastward *Naaran, and Westward Gezer with the †townes thereof, Shechem also and the townes thereof, vnto ¶Gaza and the townes thereof.

29 And by the borders of the children of *Manasseh, Betshean and her townes, Taanach and her townes, *Megiddo and her townes, Dor and her townes. In these dwelt the children of Ioseph the sonne of Israel.

30 ¶ *The sonnes of Asher: Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, and Serah their sister.

31 And the sonnes of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel, who *is* the father of Birzauith.

32 And Heber begate Iaphlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shuah their sister.

33 And the sonnes of Iaphlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashuath. These *are* the children of Iaphlet.

34 And the sonnes of Shamer: Ahi, and Rohgah, Iehubbah, and Aram.

35 And the sonne of his brother, Helem: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal.

36 The sonnes of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah:

37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera.

38 And the sonnes of Iether: Iephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara.

39 And the sonnes of Vlla: Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia.

40 All these *were* the children of Asher, heads of their fathers house, choice *and* mightie men of valour, chiefe of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogie of them, that were apt

to

¶ Or, Nun.

numb. 13.

9. *Iosh. 16.

7

†Hebr.

daughters.

¶ Or, A-

dassa, 1.

mac. 7. 45.

*Iosh. 17.

7 *Iosh. 17.

11.

*Gen. 46.

17.

to the warre *and* to battell, was twentie and sixe thousand men.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The sonnes and chiefe men of Benjamin. 33 The stocke of Saul and Jonathan.

* Gene. 46.
21. num.
26. 38.

NOW Benjamin begate *Bela his first borne, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third,
2 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.

|| Or, Ard,
Gen. 46.
21.

3 And the sonnes of Bela *were*: ||Addar, and Gera, and Abihud,

|| Or, Shu-
pham,
Num. 26.
39.

4 And Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah,
5 And Gera, and ||Shephuphan, and Hiram.

* Chap. 2.
52.

6 And these are the sonnes of Ehud: these are the heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they remoued them to *Manahath:

7 And Naaman, and Ahiah, and Gera, he remooued them, and begate Vzsa, and Ahihud.

8 And Shaharaim begate *children* in the countrey of Moab. After hee had sent them away: Hushim, and Baara were his wiues.

9 And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Iobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham,

10 And Ieuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These *were* his sonnes, heads of the fathers.

11 And of Hushim he begate Ahitub, and Elpaal.

12 The sonnes of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, & Shamed, who built Ono, and Lod with the townes thereof.

13 Beriah also and Shema, who *were* heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Aialon, who droue away the inhabitants of Gath.

14 And Ahio, Shashak, and Ierimoth,

15 And Zebadiah, & Arad, & Ader,

16 And Michael, and Ispah, and Ioha the sonnes of Beriah,

17 And Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber,

18 Ishmerai also, and Iezliah, and Iobab the sonnes of Elpaal.

19 And Iakim, and Zichri, & Zabdi,

20 And Elienai, and Zilthai, & Eliel,

|| Or,
Shema,
vers. 13.

21 And Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimrath, the sonnes of ||Shimhi,

22 And Ishpan, and Heber, & Eliel,

- 23 And Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan,
 24 And Hananiah, and Elam, and Antothiah,
 25 And Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sonnes of Shashak,
 26 And Shamsheraï, and Shehariah, and Athaliah,
 27 And Iaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri the sonnes of Ieroham.
 28 These *were* heads of the fathers, by their generations, chiefe *men*. These dwelt in Ierusalem.
 29 And at Gibeon *dwelt* the || father of Gibeon, (whose || *Called*
 *wiues name *was* Maachah :) *Iehiel,*
 30 And his first borne sonne Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, *1. Chro. 9.*
 and Baal, & Nadab, *35.*
 31 And Gidor, & Ahio, and || Zacher, ** Chap. 9.*
 32 And Mikloth begate || Shimeah. And these also dwelt *35.*
 with their brethren in Ierusalem, ouer against them. *|| Or, Zacheriah,*
 33 ¶ And *Ner begate Kish, and Kish begate Saul, and *1. Chr. 9.*
 Saul begate Ionathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and *37.*
 || Eshbaal. *|| Or, Shimeam, ca.*
 34 And the sonne of Ionathan *was* || Meribbaal, and Meribbaal *9. 38.*
 begate Micah. *1. Sam. 14.*
 35 And the sonnes of Micah *were* Pithon, and Melech, and *51.*
 || Tarea, and Ahaz. *|| Or, Ishbosheth, 2.*
 36 And Ahaz begat Iehoadah, and Iehoadah begate Alemeth, *Sam. 2. 8.*
 and Asmaueth, and Zimri, and Zimri begate Moza, *|| Or, Mephibosheth,*
 37 And Moza begate Binea: Rapha *was* his sonne, Elasa *2. Sam. 4.*
 his sonne, Azel his sonne : *4.*
 38 And Azel *had* sixe sonnes, whose names *are* these, *|| Or, Tahrea, c. 9.*
 Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, *41.*
 and Hanan. All these *were* the sonnes of Azel.
 39 And the sonnes of Eshek his brother *were* Vlam his first-borne, Iehush the second, and Eliphelet the third.
 40 And the sonnes of Vlam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sonnes, and sonnes sonnes, an hundred and fiftie. All these are of the sonnes of Benjamin.

CHAP. IX.

- 1 The originall of Israels and Iudahs genealogies. 2 The Israelites,
 10 the Priests, 14 and the Leuites, with Nethinims which dwelt in
 Ierusalem. 27 The charge of certaine Leuites. 35 The stocke of
 Saul and Ionathan.

SO all Israel were reckoned by genealogies, & behold, they were written in the booke of the Kings of Israel and Iudah, *who* were caried away to Babylon for their transgression.

2 ¶ Now the first inhabitants *that dwelt* in their possessions, in their cities, *were* the Israelites, the Priests, Leuits, and the Nethinims.

* Nehem.
II. I.

3 And in *Ierusalem dwelt of the children of Iudah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh.

4 Vthai the sonne of Amihud, the sonne of Omri, the sonne of Imri, the sonne of Bani, of the children of Pharez the sonne of Iudah.

5 And of the Shilonites: Asaiah the first borne, and his sonnes.

6 And of the sonnes of Zerah: Ieuel, and their brethren, sixe hundred and ninetie.

7 And of the sonnes of Benjamin: Sallu the sonne of Meshullam, the sonne of Hodauiah, the sonne of Hase-nuah :

8 And Ibneiah the sonne of Ieroham, and Elah the sonne of Vzzi, the sonne of Michri, and Meshullam the sonne of Shephatiah, the sonne of Reuel, the sonne of Ibniiah,

9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fiftie and sixe. All these men *were* chiefe of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

10 ¶ And of the Priests: Iedaiah, and Iehoiarib, and Iachin,

11 And Azariah the sonne of Hilkiah, the sonne of Meshullam, the sonne of Zadok, the sonne of Meraioth, the sonne of Ahitub the ruler of the house of God.

12 And Adaiah the sonne of Ieroham, the sonne of Passhur, the sonne of Malchiiah, and Maasia the sonne of Adiel, the sonne of Iahzerah, the sonne of Meshullam, the sonne of Meshillemith, the sonne of Immer.

† Heb.
mightie
men of
valour.

13 And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand, and seuen hundred and threescore, very †able men for the worke of the seruice of the house of God.

14 And of the Leuites: Shemaiah the sonne of Hasshub, the sonne of Azrikam, the sonne of Hashabiah, of the sonnes of Merari.

15 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal: and Mattaniah the sonne of Micah, the sonne of Zichri, the sonne of Asaph.

16 And Obadiah the sonne of Shemaiah, the sonne of Galal, the sonne of Ieduthun: and Berechiah the sonne of Asa, the sonne of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 And the Porters *were* Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum *was* the chiefe.

18 (Who hitherto *waited* in the kings gate Eastward) they were Porters in the companies of the children of Leui.

19 And Shallum the sonne of Kore, the sonne of Ebiasaph, the sonne of Korah, and his brethren (of the house of his father) the Korahites, *were* ouer the worke of the seruice, keepers of the †gates of the Tabernacle: and their fathers †*Heb. thresholds.* being ouer the hoste of the LORD, *were* keepers of the entrie.

20 And Phinehas the sonne of Eleazar was the ruler ouer them in time past, *and* the LORD *was* with him.

21 And Zechariah the sonne of Meshelemiah, *was* porter of the doore of the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

22 All these which were chosen to be porters in the gates, *were* two hundred and twelue. These were reckoned by their genealogie in their villages: whom Dauid and Samuel the Seer, †did ordeine in their ‖set office.

23 So they and their children *had* the ouersight of the gates †*Heb. founded.* of the house of the LORD, *namely*, the house of the Tabernacle, by wards. ‖*Or, trust,*

24 In foure quarters were the porters: toward the East, West, North, and South.

25 And their brethren, *which were* in their villages, *were* to come after seuen dayes, from time to time with them.

26 For these Leuites, the foure chiefe porters, were in their ‖set office, and were ouer the ‖chambers and treasures of the house of God. ‖*Or, trust.*

27 ¶ And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was vpon them, and the opening thereof enery morning, pertained to them. ‖*Or, store-houses.*

28 And *certaine* of them had the charge of the ministring †*Heb. bring them in by tale,* vessels, that they should †bring them in and out by tale. *and carie them out by tale.*

29 *Some* of them also *were* appointed to ouersee the vessels, and all the ‖instruments of the Sanctuarie, and the ‖*Or, vessels.* fine

fine floure, and the wine, and the oyle, and the frankincense, and the spices.

* Exod. 30. 30 And *some* of the sonnes of the Priests made *the oymtment of the spices.

23. 31 And Mattithiah, one of the Leuites (who was the first borne of Shallum the Korahite) had the ||set office ouer the things that were made ||in the pannes.

|| Or, *trust.*
|| Or, *on flat plates, or, slices.*
† Heb. 32 And *other* of their brethren of the sonnes of the Kohathites, *were* ouer the †Shew-bread to prepare *it* every Sabbath.

33 And these *are* the singers, chiefe of the fathers of the Leuites, who *remayning* in the chambers, *were* free: for †they were employed in that worke, day and night.

34 These chiefe fathers of the Leuites, were chiefe throughout their generations; these dwelt at Ierusalem.

* Chap. 8. 35 ¶ And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Iehiel, whose wiues name *was* *Maacha:

29. 36 And his first borne sonne Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 And Mikloth begate Shimeam: and they also dwelt with their brethren at Ierusalem, ouer against their brethren.

* 1. Chro. 8. 33. 39 *And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begate Saul, and Saul begate Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

40 And the sonne of Jonathan was Meribbaal: and Meribbaal begate Micah.

* Chap. 8. 35. 41 And the sonnes of Micah were Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, *and Abaz.

42 And Ahaz begate Iarah, and Iarah begate Alemeth, & Azmaueth, and Zimri: and Zimri begate Moza,

43 And Moza begate Binea: and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his sonne, Azel his sonne.

44 And Azel had sixe sonnes, whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ismael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. These *were* the sonnes of Azel.

CHAP. X.

1 Sauls ouerthrow and death. 8 The Philistines triumph ouer Saul.

11 The kindnes of

Iabesh Gilead, towards Saul and his sonnes. 13 Sauls sinne for which the kingdome was translated from him to Dauid.

N Owe *the Philistines fought against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell downe ||slaine in mount Gilboa. * 1. Sam. 31. 1, 2.

2 And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, and after his sonnes, and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and ||Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sonnes of Saul. || Or, wounded. 1. Sam. 14. 49.

3 And the battell went sore against Saul, and the †archers †hit him, and he was wounded of the archers. † Hebr. shooters with bowes.

4 Then saide Saul to his armour bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these vncircumcised come, and ||abuse mee: but his armour bearer would not, for he was sore afraid. So Saul tooke a sword, and fell vpon it. † Hebr. found him. || Or, mocke me.

5 And when his armour bearer saw that Saul was dead, hee fell likewise on the sword, and died.

6 So Saul died, and his three sonnes, and all his house died together.

7 And when all the men of Israel that *were* in the valley, saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sonnes were dead: then they forsooke their cities, and fled, and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 ¶ And it came to passe on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slaine, that they found Saul and his sonnes fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And when they had stripped him, they tooke his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to cary tidings vnto their idoles, and to the people.

10 And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dagon.

11 ¶ And when ail Iabesh Gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul:

12 They arose, all the valiant men, and tooke away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sonnes, and brought them to Iabesh, and buried their bones vnder the oke in Iabesh, and fasted seuen dayes.

13 ¶ So Saul died for his transgression which hee †committed against the LORD, *euen against the word of the LORD † Heb. transgressed. * 1. Sam. 15. 23.

LORD which he kept not, and also for asking *counsel* of one that had a familiar spirit, *to enquire of it:
 * 1. Sam. 28. 7. 14 And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, †*Heb. Isai.* and turned the kingdome vnto Dauid the sonne of †Iesse.

CHAP. XI.

1 Dauid by a generall consent is made king at Hebron. 4 Hee winneth the castle of Sion from the Iebusites, by Ioabs valour. 10 A catalogue of Dauids mightie men.

* 2. Sam. 5. 1. **T**Hen *all Israel gathered themselues to Dauid vnto Hebron, saying, Behold, wee *are* thy bone and thy flesh.

†*Heb. both yesterday and the third day.* 2 And moreouer †in time past, euen *when* Saul was king, thou *wast he* that ledest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said vnto thee, Thou shalt ||feede my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler ouer my people Israel.
 ||*Or, rule.*

3 Therefore came all the Elders of Israel to the king to Hebron, and Dauid made a couenant with them in Hebron be fore the LORD, and they annointed Dauid king ouer Israel, according to the word of the LORD, †by *Samuel.

†*Heb. by the hand of.* 4 ¶ And Dauid & all Israel, *went to Ierusalem, which *is* Iebus, where the Iebusites *were* the inhabitants of the land.

16. 13. * 2. Sam. 5. 6 5 And the inhabitants of Iebus said to Dauid, Thou shalt not come hither. Neuerthesse Dauid tooke the castle of Zion, which *is* the citie of Dauid.

†*Heb. head.* 6 And Dauid said, Whosoeuer smiteth the Iebusites first, shall be †chiefe, and captaine. So Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah went first vp, and was chiefe.

†*That is, Zion.* 7 And Dauid dwelt in the castell: therefore they called †it the citie of Dauid.

†*Heb. reuined.* 8 And he built the citie round about, euen from Millo round about: and Ioab †repaired the rest of the citie.

†*Heb. went in going and increasing.* 9 So Dauid †waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hostes *was* with him.

* 2. Sam. 23. 8. ||*Or, held strongly with him.* 10 ¶ *These also *are* the chiefe of the mightie men, whom Dauid had, who ||strengthened themselues with him in his kingdome, and with all Israel, to make him king according to the word of the LORD, concerning Israel.

11 And this *is* the number of the mightie men, whom Dauid *had*: Iashobeam ||an Hachmonite, the chiefe of the captaines: he lift vp his speare against three hundred, slaine *by him* at one time. || Or, Sonne of Hachmoni.

12 And after him *was* Eleazar the sonne of Dodo the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighties.

13 He was with Dauid at ||Pasdammim; and there the Philistines were gathered together to battell, where was a parcell of ground full of barley, and the people fled from before the Philistines. || Or, Ephesdammim, 1. Sam. 17. 1

14 And they ||set themselues in the midst of that parcell, and deliuered it, and slue the *Philistines, & the LORD saued them by a great ||deliuerance. || Or, stood. * 2. Sam. 23 13.

15 ¶ Now ||three of the thirtie captaines, went downe to the rocke of Dauid, into the caue of Adullam, and the host of the Philistines encamped in the valley of Rephaim. || Or, saluation. || Or, three captaines ouer the thirtie.

16 And Dauid *was* then in the hold, and the Philistines garison *was* then at Bethlehem.

17 And Dauid longed and said, Oh that one would giue me drinke of the water of the well of Bethlehem, that *is* at the gate.

18 And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that *was* by the gate, and tooke *it* and brought *it* to Dauid. But Dauid would not drink of it, but powred it out to the LORD,

19 And said, My God forbid it mee, that I should doe this thing. Shall I drinke the blood of these men, †that haue put their liues in ieopardie? for with *the ieopardie* of their liues, they brought it: therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest. † Heb. with their liues?

20 ¶ And Abishai the brother of Ioab, he was chiefe of the three. For lifting vp his speare against three hundred, he slew *them*, and had a name among the three.

21 *Of the three, hee was more honourable then the two, for he was their captaine; howbeit, he attained not to the *first* three. * 2. Sam. 23. 19. &c.

22 Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, the sonne of a valiant man of Kabzeel, †who had done many acts: he slue two Lyon-like men of Moab, also he went downe and slue a Lyon in a pit in a snowy day. † Heb. great of deeds.

23 And

† *Heb. a
man of
measure.*

23 And he slue an Egyptian, † a man of *great* stature, five cubits high, and in the Egyptians hand *was* a speare like a weauers beame: and he went downe to him with a staffe, and pluckt the speare out of the Egyptians hand, and slue him with his owne speare.

24 These things did Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada, and had the name among the three mighties.

25 Behold, hee was honourable among the thirtie, but attained not to the *first* three: and Dauid set him ouer his guard.

26 ¶ Also the valiant men of the armies *were* Asahel the brother of Ioab, Elhanan the sonne of Dodo of Bethlehem.

¶ *Or, Haro-
dite,
2. Sam. 23.
25.*

27 Shammoth the || Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,
28 Ira the sonne of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite,

29 Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the Ahohite,

30 Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the sonne of Baanah the Netophathite,

31 Ithai the sonne of Ribai of Gibeah, *that pertained* to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 Hurai of the brookes of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaueth the Baharumite, Elihaba the Shaalbonite,

34 The sonnes of Hashem the Gizonite: Jonathan the sonne of Shageh the Hararite,

35 Ahiham the sonne of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the sonne of Vr,

36 Hephher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the sonne of Ezbai,

¶ *Or, the
Haggerite.*

38 Ioel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the || sonne of Haggeri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armour bearer of Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah,

40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

41 Vriah the Hittite, Zabad the sonne of Ahlai,

42 Adina the sonne of Shiza the Reubenite, a captaine of the Reubenites, and thirtie with him,

43 Hanan the sonne of Maacah, and Ioshaphat the Mithnite,

44 Vzizia the Ashterathite, Shama and Iehiel the sonnes of Hothan the Aroerite,

45 Iediael the ||sonne of Zimri, and Ioha his brother, the || *Or, Zim-rite.*
Tizite,

46 Eliel the Mahauite, and Ieribai, and Ioshauiah the sonnes of Elnaan, and Ithmah the Moabite,

47 Eliel, and Obed, and Iasiel the Mesobaite.

CHAP. XII.

1 The companies that came to Dauid at Ziklag. 23 The armies that came to him at Hebron.

NOW *these *are they* that came to Dauid to Ziklag *1. Sam. 27. 1.
†while hee yet kept himselfe close, because of Saul the †*Heb. being yet shut vp.*
sonne of Kish: and they *were* among the mighty men, helpers of the warre.

2 They were armed with bowes, and could vse both the right hand and the left, in *hurling* stones, and *shooting* arrowes out of a bow, *euen* of Sauls brethren of Beniamin.

3 The chiefe *was* Ahiezer, then Ioash the sonnes of ||Shemaah the Gibeathite, and Ieziel, and Pelet, the sonnes of Azmaueth, and Berachah, and Iehu the Antothite, || *Or, Has-maa.*

4 And Ismaiah the Gibeonite, a mightie man among the thirtie, and ouer the thirtie, and Ieremiah, and Iahaziel, and Iohanan, and Iosabad the Gederathite,

5 Eleuzai, and Ierimoth, and Bealiath, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite,

6 Elkanah, and Iesiah, and Azariel, and Ioezer, and Iashobeam, the Korhites,

7 And Ioelah, and Zebadiah the sonnes of Ieroam of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselues vnto Dauid, into the hold to the wilderness, men of might, and men †of warre, fit for the battel, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces *were* like the faces of Lyons, and were †*Heb. of the hoste.*
†as swift as the Roes vpon the mountaines : †*Heb. as the Roes vpon the mountaines to make haste.*

9 Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third,

10 Mashmannah the fourth, Ieremiah the fift,

11 Atthai the sixt, Eliel the seuenth,

12 Iohanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

13 Ieremiah the tenth, Machbanai the eleuenth.

14 These *were* of the sonnes of Gad, captaines

|| *Or, one that was least could resist an hundred, and the greatest a thousand.*

captaines of the hoste: || one of the least was ouer an hundred, and the greatest, ouer a thousand.

† *Heb. filled ouer.*
* Iosh. 3.

15 These *are* they that went ouer Iorden in the first moneth, when it had † ouerflowen all his * bankes, and they put to flight all them of the valleis, *both* toward the East, and toward the West.

15.
† *Heb. before them.*
† *Heb. be one*
|| *Or, violence.*

16 And there came of the children of Benjamin, and Iudah, to the hold vnto Dauid.

17 And Dauid went out † to meete them, and answered and sayd vnto them: If yee bee come peaceably vnto me to helpe me, mine heart shall † be knit vnto you: but if yee be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no || wrong in mine hands: the God of our fathers looke thereon, and rebuke it.

† *Heb. the Spirit clothed Amasai.*

18 Then † the spirit came vpon Amasai, *who was* chiefe of the captaines, *and he sayd*, Thine *are we*, Dauid, and on thy side, thou sonne of Iesse: Peace, peace be vnto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then Dauid receiued them, and made them captaines of the band.

* I. Sam. 29. 4.
† *Heb. on our heads.*

19 And there fell some of Manasseh to Dauid, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battell, but they helped them not. For the Lords of the Philistines, vpon aduisement, sent him away, saying, * Hee will fall to his master Saul, † to *the ieopardie* of our heads.

20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Iozabad, and Iediel, and Michael, and Iozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captaines of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh.

|| *Or, with a band.*

21 And they helped Dauid || against the band *of the Routers*: for they *were* all mighty men of valour, and were captaines in the hoste.

22 For at *that* time day by day, there came to Dauid to helpe him, vntill it was a great hoste, like the hoste of God.

|| *Or, captaines, or, men.*
Heb. heads.

23 ¶ And these are the numbers of the || bands, *that were* ready armed to the warre, and came to Dauid to Hebron, to turne the kingdome of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

|| *Or, prepared.*

24 The children of Iudah that bare shield, and speare, *were* sixe thousand, and eight hundred, readie || armed to the warre.

25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the warre, seuen thousand and one hundred.

26 Of the children of Leui, foure thousand and sixe hundred.

27 And Iehoiada was the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand, and seuen hundred.

28 And Zadok, a young man mightie of valour, and of his fathers house twentie and two captaines.

29 And of the children of Benjamin the †kinred of Saul †*Heb. brethren.* three thousand: for hitherto †the greatest part of them had †*Heb. a multitude of them.* kept the ward of the house of Saul.

30 And of the children of Ephraim, twentie thousand, and eight hundred, mightie men of valour, †famous throughout †*Heb. men of names.* the house of their fathers.

31 And of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, eighteene thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make Dauid king.

32 And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had vnderstanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to doe: the heads of them were two hundred, and all their brethren were at their commandement.

33 Of Zebulun, such as went foorth to battell, ||expert in ||*Or, rangers of battell, or ranged in battell.* warre, with all instruments of warre, fifty thousand, which could ||keepe ranke: They *were* †not of double heart.

34 And of Naphtali a thousand captaines, and with them, with shield and speare, thirtie and seuen thousand.

35 And of the Danites, expert in war, twentie and eight thousand, and sixe hundred.

36 And of Asher, such as went foorth to battell, ||expert in warre, fourtie thousand.

37 And on the other side of Iorden, of the Reubenites, & the Gadites, and of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, with all maner of instruments of warre for the battell, an hundred and twentie thousand.

38 All these men of warre, that could keepe ranke, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make Dauid king ouer all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel, *were* of one heart to make Dauid king.

39 And there they were with Dauid three dayes, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them.

40 Moreouer, they that were nigh them, euen vnto Issachar, and Zebulun,

|| *Or,*
vitaile of
meale.

lun, and Naphtali brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, *and* || meat, meale, cakes of figs, and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oyle, and oxen, and sheepe abundantly: for there *was* ioy in Israel.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Dauid fetcheth the Arke with great solemnitie from Kiriath-iearim.
9 Vzza being smitten, the Arke is left at the house of Obed-Edom.

ANd Dauid consulted with the captaines of thousands, and hundreds, *and* with euery leader.

2 And Dauid said vnto all the Congregation of Israel, If it *seeme* good vnto you, and that it *be* of the LORD our God, † let vs send abroad vnto our brethren euery where, that are left in all the land of Israel, and with them also to the Priests and Levites which *are* in † their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselues vnto vs.

† *Hebr. let*
vs breake
foorth and
send.

† *Hebr. in*
the cities of
their sub-
urbs.

† *Heb.*
bring
about.

* I. Sam.

7. 1.

2. sam. 6.

2.

* Iosh. 16.

9.

3 And let vs † bring againe the Arke of our God to vs: for wee enquired not at it in the dayes of Saul.

4 And all the Congregation saide, that they would doe so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.

5 So * Dauid gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt, euen vnto the entring of Hemath, to bring the Arke of God from Kiriath-iearim.

6 And Dauid went vp, and all Israel, to * Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-iearim, which *belonged* to Iudah, to bring vp thence the Arke of God the LORD, that dwelleth betweene the Cherubims, whose name is called *on it*.

7 And they † caried the Arke of God in a new cart, out of the house of Abinadab: and Vzza, and Ahio draue the cart.

8 And Dauid and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with † singing, and with harpes, and with psalteries, and with tymbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

† *Heb.*
made the
Arke to
ride.

† *Heb.*
songs.

9 ¶ And when they came vnto the threshing floore of || Chidon, Vzza put foorth his hand to hold the Arke, for the oxen || stumbled.

|| *Called*
Nachon,
2. Sam. 6.

6.

|| *Or,*
shooke it.

* Num. 4.

15.

10 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Vzza, and hee smote him, because hee put his hand to the * Arke: and there he died before God.

11 And Dauid was displeased, be-

cause the LORD had made a breach vpon Vzza ; wherefore that place is called †Perez-Vzza, to this day.

12 And Dauid was afraide of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the Arke of God home to me ?

† Heb.
breach of
Vzza.

13 So Dauid †brought not the Arke home to himselfe to the city of Dauid, but caried it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

† Hebr. re-
mooued.

14 And the Arke of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house three moneths. And the LORD blessed *the house of Obed-Edom, and all that he had.

* As chap.
26. 5.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Hiram's kindnesse to Dauid. 2 Dauid's felicitie in people, wiues and children. 8 His two victories against the Philistines.

NOW *Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to Dauid, and timber of Cedars, with masons, and carpenters to build him an house.

* 2. Sam. 5.
11. &c.

2 And Dauid perceiued that the LORD had confirmed him king ouer Israel, for his kingdome was lift vp on high, because of his people Israel.

3 ¶ And Dauid tooke †moe wiues at Ierusalem: and Dauid begate moe sonnes and daughters.

† Hebr.
yet.

4 Now these *are* the names of *his* children which hee had in Ierusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon,

5 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

6 And Noga, and Nepheg, and Iaphia,

7 And Elishama, and ¶ Beeliada, and Elpalet.

8 ¶ And when the Philistines heard that *Dauid was anoynted king ouer all Israel, all the Philistines went vp to seeke Dauid: and Dauid heard *of it*, and went out against them.

¶ Or,
Eliada,
2. Sam. 5.
16.
2. Sam.
5. 17.

9 And the Philistines came & spread themselues in the valley of Rephaim.

10 And Dauid enquired of God, saying, Shall I goe vp against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliuer them into mine hand? And the LORD said vnto him, Go vp, for I will deliuer them into thine hand.

11 So they came vp to Baal-Perazim, and Dauid smote them there. Then Dauid said, God hath broken in vpon

† *Heb. that is, a place of breaches.* vpon mine enemies by mine hand, like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place, † Baal-Perazim.

12 And when they had left their gods there, Dauid gaue a commandement, and they were burnt with fire.

13 And the Philistines yet againe spread themselues abroad in the valley.

14 Therefore Dauid enquired againe of God, and God said vnto him, Goe not vp after them, turne away from them, *and come vpon them ouer against the mulberry trees.

* 2. Sam.

5. 23.

15 And it shall bee, when thou shalt heare a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, *that* then thou shalt goe out to battaile: for God is gone forth before thee, to smite the hoste of the Philistines.

16 Dauid therefore did as God commanded him: and they smote the hoste of the Philistines from Gibeon euen to Gazer.

17 And the fame of Dauid went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the feare of him vpon all nations.

CHAP. XV.

1 Dauid hauing prepared a place for the Arke, ordereth the Priestes and Leuites to bring it from Obed-Edom. 25 Hee perfourmeth the solemnitie thereof with great ioy. 29 Michal despiseth him.

AND *Dauid* made him houses in the citie of Dauid, and prepared a place for the Arke of God, and pitched for it a tent.

† *Heb. It is not to cary the Arke of Ged, but for the Leuites.* 2 Then Dauid sayd, †None ought to carie the *Arke of God, but the Leuites: for them hath the LORD chosen to cary the Arke of God, and to minister vnto him for euer.

*Num. 4. 2, 15.

3 And Dauid gathered all Israel together to Ierusalem, to bring vp the Arke of the LORD vnto his place, which hee had prepared for it.

4 And Dauid assembled the children of Aaron, and the Leuites.

|| *Or, kinsemen.*

5 Of the sonnes of Kohath: Vriel the chiefe, and his brethren an hundred and twentie.

6 Of the sonnes of Merari: Asaiah the chiefe, and his brethren two hundred and twentie.

7 Of the sonnes of Gershom: Io-

el the chiefe, and his brethren an hundred and thirtie.

8 Of the sonnes of Elizaphan: Shemaiah the chiefe, and his brethren two hundred.

9 Of the sonnes of Hebron: Eliel the chiefe, and his brethren fourescore.

10 Of the sonnes of Vzziel: Amminadab the chiefe, and his brethren an hundred and twelue.

11 And Dauid called for Zadok and Abiathar the Priests, and for the Leuites, for Vriel, Asaiah and Ioel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab,

12 And said vnto them, Yee *are* the chiefe of the fathers of the Leuites: sanctifie your selues *both* yee and your brethren, that you may bring vp the Arke of the LORD God of Israel, vnto *the place that* I haue prepared for it.

13 For because ye *did it* not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach vpon vs, for that we sought him not after the due order.

14 So the Priestes and the Leuites sanctified themselues to bring vp the Arke of the LORD God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Leuites bare the Arke of God vpon their shoulders, with the stauies thereon, as * Moses ^{* Exod. 25.} commanded, according to the word of the LORD. ^{14.}

16 And Dauid spake to the chiefe of the Leuites, to appoint their brethren *to be* the singers with instruments of musicke, Psalteries, and Harpes, and Cymbales, sounding, by lifting vp the voice with ioy.

17 So the Leuites appointed * Heman the sonne of Ioel: * Chap. 6. and of his brethren, * Asaph the sonne of Berechiah: and of ^{33.} the sonnes of Merari their brethren, * Ethan the sonne of ^{* Vers. 39.} ^{* Vers. 44} Kushaiah.

18 And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zachariah, Ben, and Iaziel, & Shemiramoth, and Iehiel, and Vnni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maasiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphaleh, and Mikniah, and Obed Edom, and Iehiel the Porters.

19 So the Singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were *appointed* to sound with cymbales of brasse.

20 And Zachariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Iehiel, and Vnni, and Eliab, and Maasiah, and Benaiah, with Psalteries on Alamothe.

21 And Mattithiah, and Eliphaleh,
Pp 2 and

|| *Or, on
the eight to
ouersee.*

|| *Or was*

*for the
cariage: he
instructed
about the
cariage.*

† *Heb. lift-
ing vp.*

* 2. Sam.
6. 12, 13.
&c.

and Mikniah, and Obed Edom, and Ieiel, and Azzaziah, with harpes on the || Sheminith to excell.

22 And Chenaniah chiefe of the Leuites || *was* for † song: he instructed about the song, because he was skilfull.

23 And Berechiah, and Elkanah *were* doore keepers for the Arke.

24 And Shebaniah, and Iehoshaphat, and Nathaneel, and Amasai, and Zachariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the Arke of God: and Obed Edom, and Iehiah *were* doore keepers for the Arke.

25 ¶ So * Dauid and the Elders of Israel, and the captaines ouer thousands, went to bring vp the Arke of the couenant of the LORD, out of the house of Obed Edom with ioy.

26 And it came to passe when God helped the Leuites that bare the Arke of the couenant of the LORD, that they offered seuen bullocks, and seuen rammes.

|| *Or,
cariage*

27 And Dauid was clothed with a robe of fine linnen, and all the Leuites that bare the Arke, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the || song, with the singers. Dauid also *had* vpon him, an Ephod of linnen.

28 Thus all Israel brought vp the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harpes.

29 ¶ And it came to passe *as* the Arke of the couenant of the LORD came to the citie of Dauid, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window, saw King Dauid dauncing and playing: and shee despised him in her heart.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Dauids festiuall sacrifice. 4 Hee ordereth a Quire to sing Thankesgiuing. 7 The Psalme of Thankesgiuing. 37 He appointeth Ministers, Porters, Priests and Musitians, to attend continually on the Arke.

* 2. Sam.
6. 17.

SO * they brought the Arke of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that Dauid had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices, and peace offerings before God.

2 And when Dauid had made an

end of offering the burnt offerings, and the peace offrings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.

3 And hee dealt to euery one of Israel, both man and woman, to euery one a loafe of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

4 ¶ And he appointed certaine of the Leuites to minister before the Arke of the LORD, and to record, and to thanke and praise the LORD God of Israel,

5 Asaph the chiefe, and next to him Zachariah, Ieiel, and Shemiramoth, and Iehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed EDOM: and Ieiel † with Psalteries and with harpes: but Asaph made a sound with cymbals.

† Heb. with instruments of Psalteries, & harps

6 Benaiah also and Iahaziel the Priestes, with trumpets continually before the Arke of the Couenant of God.

7 ¶ Then on that day, Dauid deliuered first *this Psalme* to thanke the LORD, into the hand of Asaph and his brethren:

8 * Giue thanks vnto the LORD, call vpon his name, make knowne his deeds among the people.

* Psal. 105. 1.

9 Sing vnto him, sing psalmes vnto him, talke you of all his wonderous workes.

10 Glory yee in his holy Name, let the heart of them reioyce that seeke the LORD.

11 Seeke the LORD, and his strength, seeke his face continually.

12 Remember his marueilous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the iudgements of his mouth,

13 O ye seed of Israel his seruant, ye children of Iacob his chosen ones.

14 He *is* the LORD our God, his iudgements *are* in all the earth.

15 Be ye mindfull alwayes of his Couenant: the worde *which* hee commanded to a thousand generations:

16 *Euen of the* * Couenant which hee made with Abraham, and of his othe vnto Isaac:

* Gen. 17. 2. and 26. 3. & 28. 13.

17 And hath confirmed the same to Iacob for a lawe, and to Israel for an euerlasting Couenant,

18 Saying, vnto thee will I giue the land of Canaan, the † lot of your inheritance.

† Heb. the coard.

19 When ye were but † few, * euen a few, and strangers in it:

† Heb. men of number. * Gen. 34.

20 And 30.

20 And when they went from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdome to another people :

21 Hee suffered no man to doe them wrong: yea, hee

* Gen. 12. * reprooued kings for their sakes,

17. and 20. 22 *Saying*, * Touch not mine anointed, and doe my Prophets
3. no harme.

15. 23 * Sing vnto the LORD all the earth: shew foorth from
* Psal. 96. day to day his saluation.

1. 24 Declare his glory among the heathen: his marueilous
workes among all nations.

25 For great *is* the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also
is to be feared aboue all gods.

* Leu. 19. 26 For all the gods * of the people *are* idoles: but the LORD
4 made the heauens.

27 Glory and honour *are* in his presence: strength and
gladnesse *are* in his place.

28 Giue vnto the LORD, yee kinreds of the people: giue
vnto the LORD glory and strength.

29 Giue vnto the LORD the glory *due* vnto his Name: bring
an offering, and come before him, worship the LORD in the
beautie of holinesse.

30 Feare before him all the earth: the world also shall be
stable, that it be not mooued.

31 Let the heauens be glad, and let the earth reioyce: and
let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

32 Let the sea roare, and the fulnesse thereof: let the
fieldes reioyce, and all that *is* therein.

33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the pre-
sence of the LORD, because hee commeth to iudge the
earth.

* Psal. 107. 34 * O giue thanks vnto the LORD, for hee *is* good: for his
1 and 118. mercy endureth for euer.

1. and 136. 35 And say yee, Saue vs, O God of our saluation, and
1. gather vs together, and deliuer vs from the heathen, that
we may giue thanks to thy holy Name, *and* glory in thy
praise.

36 Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel for euer and euer:

* Deut. 27. and all * the people saide, Amen, and praised the LORD.

15. 37 ¶ So hee left there before the Arke of the couenant of
the LORD,

Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the Arke continually, as euery dayes worke required :

38 And Obed Edom with their brethren, threescore and eight: Obed Edom also the sonne of Ieduthun, and Hosah to be porters :

39 And Zadok the Priest, and his brethren the Priests, before the Tabernacle of the LORD, in the high place that *was* at Gibeon,

40 To offer burnt offerings vnto the LORD, vpon the Altar of the burnt offering continually †morning and euening, and *† Heb. in the morn-
ing and in
the euen-
ing.* to doe according to all that is written in the Lawe of the LORD, which hee commanded Israel :

41 And with them Heman and Ieduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to giue thanks to the LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for euer.

42 And with them Heman and Ieduthun with trumpets and cymbales, for those that should make a sound, and with musicall instruments of God: and the sonnes of Ieduthun were †Porters.

43 And all the people departed euery man to his house, and Dauid returned to blesse his house. *† Heb. for
the gate.*

CHAP. XVII.

1 Nathan first approouing the purpose of Dauid, to build God an house, 3 after by the word of God forbiddeth him. 11 Hee promiseth him blessings and benefits in his seed. 16 Dauids prayer and thanksgiuing.

NOW *it came to passe, as Dauid sate in his house, that *2. Sam. Dauid sayde to Nathan the Prophet, Loe, I dwell in 7. 1, &c. an house of Cedars, but the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD *remaineth* vnder curtaines.

2 Then Nathan sayd vnto Dauid, Doe all that is in thine heart, for God *is* with thee.

3 ¶ And it came to passe the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying,

4 Goe and tell Dauid my seruant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in.

5 For I haue not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought vp Israel,

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vnto

† *Heb. haue bene.* vnto this day, but † haue gone from tent to tent, and from one Tabernacle *to another.*

6 Wheresoeuer I haue walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the Iudges of Israel (whom I commanded to feed my people) saying, Why haue ye not built me an house of Cedars?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say vnto my seruant Dauid, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I tooke thee from the *Sheep-coat*, *euen* † from folowing the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler ouer my people Israel:
† *Heb. from after.*

8 And I haue bene with thee whithersoeuer thou hast walked, and haue cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and haue made thee a name, like the name of the great men that *are* in the earth.

9 Also I will ordeine a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moued no more: neither shal the children of wickednesse waste them any more (as at the beginning,

10 And since the time that I commanded Iudges *to bee* ouer my people Israel.) Moreouer, I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tel thee, that the LORD will build thee an house.

11 ¶ And it shall come to passe, when thy dayes be expired, that thou must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will raise vp thy seed after thee, which shall bee of thy sonnes, and I wil stablish his kingdome.

12 He shall build me an house, and I will stablish his throne for euer.

* 2. King. 9. 14. 13 I *will be his father, and he shall be my sonne, and I will not take my mercie away from him, as I tooke it from *him* that was before thee.

14 But I will settle him in mine house, and in my kingdom for euer, and his throne shall bee established for euermore.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speake vnto Dauid.

16 ¶ And Dauid the king came, and sate before the LORD, and said, Who *am* I, O LORD God, and what *is* mine house, that thou hast brought mee hitherto?

17 And *yet* this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God: for thou hast *also* spoken of thy seruants house, for a great

while to come, and hast regarded mee according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

18 What can Dauid *speake* more to thee for the honour of thy seruant? for thou knowest thy seruant.

19 O LORD, for thy seruants sake, and according to thine owne heart, hast thou done all this greatnesse in making knownen all these † great things.

20 O LORD, *there is* none like thee neither *is there* any God besides thee, according to all that we haue heard with our eares. † Heb. great-
nesses.

21 And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people Israel, whome God went to redeeme *to be* his owne people, to make thee a name of greatnesse and terriblenesse, by driuing out nations from before thy people whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt?

22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thine owne people for euer, and thou, LORD, becamest their God.

23 Therefore now LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy seruant, and concerning his house, be established for euer, and doe as thou hast said.

24 Let it euen bee established, that thy name may bee magnified for euer, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God of Israel, *euen* a God to Israel: and let the house of Dauid thy seruant be established before thee.

25 For thou, O my God, † hast tolde thy seruant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore thy seruant hath found *in his heart* to pray before thee. † Heb. hast
reuealed
the eare of
thy ser-
uant.

26 And now, LORD (thou art God, and hast promised this goodnesse vnto thy seruant.)

27 Now therefore || let it please thee to blesse the house of thy seruant, that it may bee before thee for euer: for thou blessest, O LORD, and it *shalbe* blessed for euer. || Or, it
hath
pleased
thee.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Dauid subdueth the Philistines and the Moabites. 3 He smiteth Hadadezer and the Syrians. 9 Tou sendeth Hadoram with presents to blesse Dauid. 11 The presents & the spoile, Dauid dedicateth to God. 13 He putteth garisons in Edom. 14 Dauids officers.

NOW after this, * it came to passe, that Dauid smote the Philistines & subdued them, and tooke Gath, and her townes,

* 2. Sam.
8. 1. &c.

townes out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab, and the Moabites became Dauids seruants, *and* brought gifts.

|| *Or, Hada-
dezer in
Sam.*

3 ¶ And Dauid smote || Hadarezer king of Zobah vnto Hamath, as hee went to stablish his dominion by the riuier Euphrates.

4 And Dauid tooke from him a thousand charets, and seuen thousand horsemen, and twentie thousand footmen: Dauid also houghed all the charet *horses*, but reserued of them an hundred charets.

† *Heb.*
Darmeseh.

5 And when the Syrians of † Damascus came to helpe Hadarezer king of Zobah, Dauid slew of the Syrians two and twentie thousand men.

6 Then Dauid put *garisons* in Syria Damascus, and the Syrians became Dauids seruants, and brought giftes. Thus the LORD preserued Dauid, whithersoever he went.

7 And Dauid tooke the shields of golde that were on the seruants of Hadarezer, & brought them to Ierusalem.

|| *Called in
the booke of
Sam. Beta
and Bero-
thai.*

8 Likewise from || Tibhath, and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, broght Dauid very much brasse, wherewith * Solomon made the brasen Sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brasse.

* 1. King.
7. 23. and
2. chro. 4.

9 ¶ Now when || Tou king of Hamath heard how Dauid had smitten all the hoste of Hadarezer king of Zobah:

15.
|| *Or, Toi,
2. Sam. 8.*

10 Hee sent || Hadoram his sonne to king Dauid, || to enquire of his welfare, and to † congratulate him, because hee had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him (for Hadarezer † had warre with Tou) and *with him* all manner of vessels of golde and siluer, and brasse.

9.
|| *Or,
Ioram,
2. Sam. 8.*

11 ¶ Them also king Dauid dedicated vnto the LORD, with the siluer and the golde that he brought from all *these* nations: from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

† *Heb. to
blesse.*
† *Heb. was
the man of
warres.*

12 Moreouer, Abishai the sonne of Zeruiah, slew of the Edomites in the valley of salt, eighteene thousand.

13 ¶ And he put *garisons* in Edom, and all the Edomites became Dauids seruants. Thus the LORD preserued Dauid whithersoever he went.

14 ¶ So Dauid reigned ouer all Israel, and executed iudgement and iustice

among all his people.

15 And Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah *was* ouer the hoste, and Iehoshaphat the sonne of Ahilud, || Recorder.

16 And Zadok the sonne of Ahitub, and || Abimelech the sonne of Abiathar, *were* the Priests, and || Shausa *was* Scribe.

17 And Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada *was* ouer the Cherethites, and the Pelethites: and the sonnes of Dauid *were* † chiefe about the king.

|| Or,
Remem-
brancer.
|| Called A-
himelech
in Sam.
|| Called
Saraia in
Sam. and
Sisa, 1.
King. 4. 2.
† Heb. at
the hand of
the King.

CHAP. XIX.

1 Dauids messengers sent to comfort Hanun the sonne of Nahash, are villanously intreated. 6 The Ammonites strengthened by the Syrians, are overcome by Ioab and Abishai. 16 Shophach making a new supply of the Syrians, is slaine by Dauid.

NOW *it came to passe after this, that Nahash the King of the children of Ammon dyed, & his sonne reigned in his stead.

* 2. Sam.
10 ver. 1,
&c.

2 And Dauid sayde, I will shewe kindnesse vnto Hanun the sonne of Nahash, because his father shewed kindnesse to mee. And Dauid sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the seruants of Dauid came into the land of the children of Ammon, to Hanun, to comfort him.

3 But the Princes of the children of Ammon sayde to Hanun, † Thinkest thou that Dauid doeth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters vnto thee? Are not his seruants come vnto thee for to search, and to ouerthrow, and to spie out the land?

† Heb. In
thine eyes
doeth Da-
uid, &c.

4 Wherefore Hanun tooke Dauids seruants, and shaued them, and cut off their garments in the midst, hard by their buttockes, and sent them away.

5 Then there went certeine, and told Dauid, how the men were serued, and hee sent to meet them (for the men were greatly ashamed) and the King sayde, Tary at Iericho vntill your beards be growen, and then returne.

6 ¶ And when the children of Ammon sawe, that they had made themselues † odious to Dauid; Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of siluer, to hire them charets and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-Maachah, and out of Zobah.

† Heb. to
stinke.

7 So

7 So they hired thirtie and two thousand charets, and the king of Maachah and his people, who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselues together from their cities, and came to battaile.

8 And when Dauid heard *of it*, hee sent Ioab, and all the host of the mightie men.

9 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battell in aray before the gate of the citie, and the kings that were come, *were* by themselues in the field.

† *Hebr. the face of the battell was.*
 || *Or, yong men.*

10 Now when Ioab saw that † the battell was set against him, before and behinde: hee chose out of all the || choice of Israel, and put them in aray against the Syrians.

† *Hebr Abshai.*

11 And the rest of the people hee deliuered vnto the hand of † Abishai his brother, and they set themselues in aray against the children of Ammon.

12 And he said, If the Syrians bee too strong for me, then thou shalt helpe me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I wil helpe thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let vs behaue our selues valiantly for our people, and for the Cities of our God: and let the LORD do that *which is* good in his sight.

14 So Ioab and the people that *were* with him, drew nigh before the Syrians, vnto the battell; and they fled before him.

15 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entred into the city. Then Ioab came to Ierusalem.

|| *i. Eu-phrates.*

|| *Or, Shobach,*

2. sam. 10. 16.

16 ¶ And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians, that *were* beyond the || Riuer: and || Shophach the capitaine of the hoste of Hadarezer, *went* before them.

17 And it was tolde Dauid, and hee gathered all Israel, and passed ouer Iordane, and came vpon them, and set *the battell* in aray against them: so when Dauid had put the battell in aray against the Syrians, they fought with him.

18 But the Syrians fled before Israel, and Dauid slew of the Syrians seuen thousand men, *which fought* in cha-

rets, and fourty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captaine of the hoste.

19 And when the seruants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with Dauid, and became his seruants: neither would the Syrians helpe the children of Ammon any more.

CHAP. XX.

1 Rabbah is besieged by Ioab, spoiled by Dauid, and the people thereof tortured. 4 Three giants are slaine in three seuerall ouerthrowes of the Philistines.

AND *it came to passe, that †after the yeere was expired, ^{* 2. Sam. 11. 1.} at the time that kings goe out *to battell*, Ioab led forth the power of the armie, and wasted the countrey of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah (but ^{† Hebr. at the returne of the yeere.} Dauid taried at Ierusalem,) and Ioab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

2 And Dauid *tooke the crowne of *their king* from off his head, and found it †to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it, and it was set vpon Dauids head; and hee brought also exceeding much spoile out of the city. ^{* 2. Sam. 21. 18.}

3 And hee brought out the people that *were* in it, and cut them with sawes, and with harrowes of yron, and with axes: euen so dealt Dauid with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And Dauid and all the people returned to Ierusalem. ^{† Or, continued, Hebr. stood. || Or, Gob. || Or, Rapha. || Called also, Iaare-oregim, 2. sam. 21. 19.}

4 ¶ And it came to passe after this, *that there ||arose warre at ||Gezer with the Philistines, at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite, slew Sippai, that was of the children of ||the giant: and they were subdued. ^{* 2. Sam. 21. 20.}

5 And there was warre againe with the Philistines, and Elhanan the sonne of ||Iair, slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose speare-staffe was like a weauers beame. ^{† Hebr. a man of measure. † Hebr. borne to the giant, or, Rapha. || Or, reproched. || Called Shammah, 1. Sam. 16. 9.}

6 And yet againe *there was warre at Gath, where was a man †of *great stature*, whose fingers and toes *were* foure and twentie, sixe *on each hand*, and sixe *on each foot*. And he also was †the sonne of the giant.

7 But when he ||defied Israel, Jonathan the sonne of ||Shimea Dauids brother, slew him.

8 These

8 These were borne vnto the Giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of Dauid, and by the hand of his seruants.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Dauid tempted by Satan, forceth Ioab to number the people. 5 The number of the people being brought, Dauid repenteth of it. 9 Dauid hauing three plagues propounded by Gad, chuseth the pestilence. 14 After the death of 70000, Dauid by repentance preuenteth the destruction of Ierusalem. 18 Dauid by Gads direction, purchaseth Ornans threshing floore, where hauing built an Altar, God giueth a signe of his fauour by fire, and stayeth the plague. 28 Dauid sacrificeth there, being restrained from Gibeon by feare of the Angel.

* Sam. 24.
1, &c.

ANd *Satan stode vp against Israel, and prouoked Dauid to number Israel.

2 And Dauid saide to Ioab, and to the rulers of the people, Goe, number Israel from Beer-sheba euen to Dan: and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*.

3 And Ioab answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many moe as they bee: but, my lord the king, are they not al my lords seruants? why then doeth my lord require this thing? why will hee bee a cause of trespasse to Israel?

4 Neuerthelesse, the kings word preuailed against Ioab: wherefore Ioab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Ierusalem.

5 ¶ And Ioab gaue the summe of the number of the people vnto Dauid: and all they of Israel were a thousand thousand, and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Iudah was foure hundred threescore and ten thousand men, that drew sword.

6 But Leui and Benjamin counted hee not among them: for the kings word was abominable to Ioab.

7 † And God was displeased with this thing, therefore he smote Israel.

† And it
was euill
in the eyes
of the
LORD
concerning
this thing.
* 2. Sam.
24. 10.

8 And Dauid saide vnto God, *I haue sinned greatly, because I haue done this thing: but uow, I beseech thee, doe away the iniquitie of thy seruant, for I haue done very foolishly.

9 ¶ And the LORD spake vnto Gad, Dauids Seer, saying,
10 Goe and tell Dauid, saying, Thus

saith the LORD, I †offer thee three things, choose thee one of them, that I may doe *it* vnto thee. † *Hebr.*
stretch out.

11 So Gad came to Dauid, and said vnto him, Thus saith the LORD, †Choose thee

12 Either three yeeres famine, or three moneths to bee destroyed before thy foes (while that the sword of thine enemies ouertaketh *thee*) or else three dayes the sword of the LORD, euen the pestilence in the land, and the Angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore aduise thy selfe, what word I shall bring againe to him that sent me. † *Hebr.*
take to thee.

13 And Dauid said vnto Gad, I am in a great strait. Let mee fall now into the hand of the LORD (for very ||great *are* || *Or,* his mercies,) but let me not fall into the hand of man. *many.*

14 ¶ So the LORD sent pestilence vpon Israel: and there fell of Israel, seuentie thousand men.

15 And God sent an *Angel vnto Ierusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the euill, and said to the Angel that destroyed, It is ynough, stay now thine hand. And the Angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floore of ||Ornan the Iebusite. * 2. Sam.
24. 16.

16 And Dauid lift vp his eyes, and saw the Angel of the LORD stand betweene the earth and the heauen, hauing a drawen sword in his hand stretched out ouer Ierusalem. Then Dauid and the Elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell vpon their faces. || *Or,*
Araunah.
2. sam. 24.
18.

17 And Dauid said vnto God, Is it not I *that* commanded the people to be numbred? euen I it is that haue sinned, and done euill indeed, but as for these sheepe, what haue they done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my fathers house, but not on thy people, that they should bee plagued. * 2. Chron.
3. 1.

18 ¶ Then the *Angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to Dauid, that Dauid should goe vp and set vp an Altar vnto the LORD, in the threshing floore of Ornan the Iebusite. || *Or, when*
Ornan
turned
backe, and
saw the
Angel,
then he
and his
four
sonnes
with him,
hid them-
selues.

19 And Dauid went vp at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the Name of the LORD.

20 ||And Ornan turned backe and saw the Angel, and his foure sonnes
with

with him, hid themselues. Now Ornan was threshing wheat.

21 And as Dauid came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw Dauid, and went out of the threshing floore, and bowed himselfe to Dauid with his face to the ground.

†*Heb.*
‡*g'ue.* 22 Then Dauid saide to Ornan, †Grant mee the place of *this* threshing floore, that I may build an Altar therein vnto the LORD: thou shalt grant it mee for the full price, that the plague may be stayed from the people.

23 And Ornan saide vnto Dauid, Take *it* to thee, and let my lord the king do that which *is* good in his eyes. Loe, I giue *thee* the oxen *also* for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meate offering, I giue it all.

24 And king Dauid said to Ornan; Nay, but I wil verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which *is* thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.

* 2. Sam.
24. 24. 25 So *Dauid gaue to Ornan for the place, sixe hundred shekels of gold by weight.

26 And Dauid built there an Altar vnto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings, and peace offerings, and called vpon the LORD, and hee answered him from heauen by fire vpon the Altar of burnt offering.

27 And the LORD commaunded the Angel, and hee put vp his sword againe into the sheath thereof.

28 ¶ At that time, when Dauid saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing floore of Ornan the Iebusite, then he sacrificed there.

29 For the tabernacle of the LORD which Moses made in the wilderness, and the Altar of the burnt offering *were* at that season, in the high place at *Gibeon:

30 But Dauid could not goe before it to euquire of God; for he was afraid, because of the sword of the Angel of the LORD.

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CHAP. XXII.

1 Dauid foreknowing the place of the Temple, prepareth abundance for the building of it. 6 Hee instructeth Solomon in Gods promises, and his duety in building the Temple. 17 He chargeth the Princes to assist his sonne.

Then Dauid said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this *is* the Altar of the burnt offering for Israel.

2 And Dauid commanded to gather together the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel: and hee set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God.

3 And Dauid prepared yron in abundance for the nailes for the doores of the gates, and for the ioynings, and brasse in abundance without weight;

4 Also Cedar trees in abundance: for the Zidonians, and they of Tyre, brought much Cedar wood to Dauid.

5 And Dauid said, *Solomon my sonne *is* yong and tender, *Chap. 29. and the house *that is* to be builded for the LORD, *must be* ^{1.} exceeding magnificall, of fame and of glory throughout all countreys: I will *therefore* now make preparation for it. So Dauid prepared abundantly before his death.

6 ¶ Then hee called for Solomon his sonne, and charged him to build an house for the LORD God of Israel.

7 And Dauid saide to Solomon; My sonne, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house vnto the Name of the LORD my God.

8 But the word of the LORD came to mee, saying, *Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great warres: thou shalt not build an house vnto my Name, be- *Chap. 28. 3. 2. sam. 7. 13. cause thou hast shed much blood vpon the earth in my sight.

9 Behold, a sonne shall bee borne to thee, who shall bee a man of rest, and I will giue him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shalbe ||Solomon, and I wil giue peace and quietnesse vnto Israel in his dayes. || That is, *peaceable.*

10 Hee shall build an house for my Name, and he shal be my sonne, and I *will be* his father, and I will establish the throne of his kingdome ouer Israel for euer.

11 Now my sonne, The LORD be with thee, and prosper thou, and build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.

12 Onely the LORD giue thee wisdom and vnderstanding, and giue thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keepe the Law of the LORD thy God.

13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest

takest heed to fulfill the Statutes and Iudgements which the LORD charged Moses with, concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage, dread not, nor be dismayed.

|| *Or, in my
pouertie.*

*As Ver. 3.

14 Now beholde, ||in my trouble I haue prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of siluer, and of brasse and yron without *weight: (for it is in abundance) timber also and stone haue I prepared, and thou mayest adde thereto.

|| *That is, Masons
and Car-
penters.*

15 Moreouer, *there are* workmen with thee in abundance, hewers, and ||workers of stone and timber, and all maner of cunning men for euery maner of worke:

16 Of the gold, the siluer, and the brasse, and the yron, *there is* no number. Arise therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee.

17 ¶ Daud also commanded all the Princes of Israel to helpe Solomon his sonne, *saying,*

18 *Is* not the LORD your God with you? and hath he *not* giuen you rest on euery side? for he hath giuen the inhabitants of the land into mine hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people.

19 Now set your heart and your soule to seeke the LORD your God: arise therfore, and build ye the Sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, & the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the Name of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Daud in his old age maketh Solomon King. 2 The number and distribution of the Leuites 7 The families of the Gershonites. 12 The sonnes of Kohath. 21 The sonnes of Merari. 24 The office of the Leuites.

*Chap. 28.
5.

SO *when Daud was old and full of dayes, he made Solomon his sonne king ouer Israel.

2 ¶ And he gathered together all the Princes of Israel, with the Priests and the Leuites.

*Num. 4.
3.

3 Now the Leuites were numbred from the age of thirtie *yeeres and vpward: and their number, by their polles, man by man, was thirtie and eight thousand.

4 Of which, twentie and foure

thousand *were* || to set forward the work of the house of the LORD: and sixe thousand *were* Officers and Iudges. *Or, to ouersee.*

5 Moreouer, foure thousand *were* porters, and foure thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made (*said Dauid*) to praise *therewith*.

6 And *Dauid diuided them into †courses among the sonnes of Leui, *namely* Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. *Exod. 6. 16 1. chro. 6. 1. &c. 2. chro. 8. 14. and 29. 25.

7 ¶ Of the *Gershonites *were* || Laadan, and Shimei. †*Heb. diuisions.*

8 The sonnes of Laadan, the chiefe *was* Iehiel, and Zetham, and Ioel, three. *Chap. 26. 21.

9 The sonnes of Shimei: Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These *were* the chiefe of the fathers of Laadan. †*Heb. diuisions.*

10 And the sonnes of Shimei *were*: Iahath, || Zina, and Ieush, and Beriah. These foure *were* the sonnes of Shimei. *Or, Libni, chap. 6. 17.

11 And Iahath was the chiefe, and Ziza the second: but Ieush and Beriah †had not many sonnes: therefore they *were* in one reckoning, according to *their* fathers house. †*Heb. did not multiply sonnes.*

12 ¶ The sonnes of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Vzziel, foure. *Exo. 6. 20.

13 The sonnes of *Amram: Aaron and Moses: and *Aaron was separated, that he should sanctifie the most holy things, he and his sonnes for euer, to burne *incense* before the LORD, to minister vnto him, and to blesse in his Name for euer. *Exod. 28. heb. 5. 4.

14 *Now concerning Moses the man of God, his sonnes were named of the tribe of Leui. *Exo. 2. 22.

15 The sonnes of Moses *were*: *Gershom and Eliezer. *Exo. 18. 3, 4

16 Of the sonnes of Gershom Shebuel *was* the chiefe. *Chap. 26. 25.

17 And the sonnes of Eliezer *were*: *Rehabiah || the chiefe. And Eliezer had none other sonnes: but the sonnes of Rehabiah †were very many. †*Heb. were highly multiplied.*

18 Of the sonnes of Izhar, Shelomith the chiefe.

19 Of the sonnes of Hebron, Ieriaha the first, Amariah the second, Iahaziel the third, and Iekamiah the fourth.

20 Of the sonnes of Vzziel: Michah the first, and Iesiaha the second.

21 ¶ The sonnes of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sonnes of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish.

22 And Eleazar died, and had no sonnes

|| *Or, kinse-*sonnes but daughters: and their ||brethren the sonnes of Kish
men. tooke them.

23 The sonnes of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Ierimoth, three.

*Num. 10. 24 ¶ These *were* the sonnes of *Leui after the house of
24. their fathers, *euen* the chiefe of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polles, that did the worke for the seruice of the house of the LORD, from the age of *twentie yeeres and vpward.

25 For Dauid sayd, The LORD God of Israel hath giuen rest vnto his people, ||*that* they may dwell in Ierusalem for euer.

26 And also vnto the Leuites: they shall no *more* cary the Tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the seruice thereof.

27 For by the last words of Dauid, the Leuites *were* †num-
† *Heb.* bred from twentie yeeres olde, and aboue:
number.

28 Because †their office was to wait on the sonnes of Aaron, for the seruice of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the worke of the seruice of the house of God:

29 Both for the *shew-bread, and for the fine floure for meat offering, and for the vnleauened cakes, and for *that*
*Chap. 9. 29, &c. *which is baked* in the ||panne, and for *that which* is fried, and for all maner of measures and size:
|| *Or, flat*
plate.

30 And to stand euery morning to thanke and praise the LORD, and likewise at Euen:

31 And to offer all burnt sacrifices vnto the LORD in the Sabbaths, in the new moones, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded vnto them continually before the LORD:

32 And that they should keepe the charge of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sonnes of Aaron their brethren, in the seruice of the house of the LORD.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 The diuisions of the sonnes of Aaron by lot into foure and twenty orders. 20 The Kohathites, 27 and the Merarites diuided by lot.

NOW *these* are the diuisions of the sonnes of Aaron.
*Leui. 10. *The sonnes of Aaron: Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar
4 and Ithamar.

2 But Nadab and Abihu died * before their father, and had no children: Therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the Priests office. * Num. 3. 4. and 26. 6o.

3 And Dauid distributed them, both Zadok of the sonnes of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sonnes of Ithamar, according to their offices in their seruice.

4 And there were moe chiefe men found of the sonnes of Eleazar, then of the sonnes of Ithamar: and *thus* were they diuided. Among the sonnes of Eleazar there were sixteene chiefe men of the house of their fathers, and eight among the sonnes of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers.

5 Thus were they diuided by lot, one sort with another; for the gouernours of the Sanctuarie, and gouernours of the house of God, were of the sonnes of Eleazar, and of the sonnes of Ithamar.

6 And Shemaiah the sonne of Nathanael the Scribe, *one* of the Leuites, wrote them before the King and the Princes, and Zadok the Priest, and Ahimelech the sonne of Abiathar, and *before* the chiefe of the fathers of the priests and Leuites: one † principall houshold being taken for Eleazar, and one taken for Ithamar. † Heb. house of the father.

7 Now the first lot came foorth to Iehoiarib: the second to Iedaiah,

8 The third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 The fifth to Malchiah, the sixth to Miamin,

10 The seuenth to Hakkoz, the eight to * Abiah, * Luk. 1. 5.

11 The ninth to Ieshua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

12 The eleuenth to Eliashib, the twelfth to Iakim,

13 The thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Ieshebeab,

14 The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,

15 The seuenteenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses,

16 The ninteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Iehzekel,

17 The one and twentieth to Iachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,

18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the foure and twentieth to Maaziah.

19 These *were* the orderings of them in their seruice to come into the house of the LORD according to their maner, vnder

vnder Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

20 ¶ And the rest of the sonnes of Leui *were* these: of the sons of Amram, Shubael: of the sonnes of Shubael, Iedeiah.

21 Concerning Rehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah.

22 Of the Izharites, Shelomoth: of the sonnes of Shelomoth, Iahath.

* Chap. 23.
19. and 26.
31. 23 And the sonnes of **Hebron*, Ieria *the first*, Amariah the second, Iahaziel the third, Iekameam the fourth.

24 Of the sonnes of Vzziel, Michah: of the sonnes of Michah, Shamir.

25 The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah: of the sonnes of Isshiah, Zechariah.

26 The sonnes of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi: the sonnes of Iaaziah, Beno.

27 ¶ The sonnes of Merari by Iaaziah, Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri.

28 Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, who had no sonnes.

29 Concerning Kish: the sonne of Kish *was* Ierahmeel.

30 The sonnes also of Mushi, Mahli, and Eder, and Ierimoth. These *were* the sonnes of the Leuites after the house of their fathers.

31 These likewise cast lots ouer against their brethren the sonnes of Aaron, in the presence of Dauid the King, and Zadok and Ahimelech, and the chiefe of the fathers of the priests and Leuites, euen the principall fathers ouer against their yonger brethren.

CHAP. XXV.

1 The number & offices of the singers. 8 Their diuision by lot, into foure and twentie orders.

MOREouer Dauid and the captaines of the hoste separated to the seruice of the sonnes of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Ieduthun, who should prophesie with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen, according to their seruice, was:

2 Of the sonnes of Asaph: Zaccur, and Ioseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sonnes of Asaph vnder the hands of Asaph, which prophesied † according to the order of the king.

¶ Otherwise
called
Iesharelah,
v. 14.
† Heb. by
the hand
of the king.

3 Of Ieduthun: the sonnes of Ieduthun, Gedaliah, and
 ¶ Zeri, and Ieshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, ¶ sixe, vnder
 the handes of their father Ieduthun, who prophesied with a
 harpe, to giue thankes and to praise the LORD.

¶ Or, Izri,
 ver. 11.

4 Of Heman: the sonnes of Heman, Bukkiah, Mattaniah,
 ¶ Vzziel, ¶ Shebuel, and Ierimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliatha,
 Giddalti, and Romamti-Ezer, Ioshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir,
 and Mahazioth:

¶ With
 Shimei
 mentioned
 ver. 17.

5 All these were the sonnes of Heman the kings Seer in
 the ¶ wordes of God, to lift vp the horne. And God gaue
 to Heman fourteene sonnes and three daughters.

¶ Or, Aza-
 reel, ver.
 18.

6 All these were vnder the hands of their father, for song
 in the house of the LORD with cymbals, psalteries and harpes,
 for the seruice of the house of God, † according to the kings
 order, to Asaph, Ieduthun, and Heman.

¶ Or, Shu-
 bael, ver.
 20.

¶ Or, mat-
 ters.

7 So the number of them, with their brethren that were
 instructed in the songs of the LORD, *euen* all that were
 cunning, *was* two hundred, foure score and eight.

† Heb. by
 the hands
 of the
 King.

8 ¶ And they cast lots ward against ward, as well the
 small as the great, the teacher as the scholler.

9 Now the first lot came foorth for Asaph to Ioseph, the second
 to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sonnes *were* twelue:

10 The third to Zaccur, *be*, his sons, and his brethren *were*
 twelue:

11 The fourth to Izri, *be*, his sonnes and his brethren *were*
 twelue:

12 The fift to Nethaniah, *bee*, his sonnes and his brethren
were twelue:

13 The sixt to Bukkiah, *be*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelue.

14 The seuenth to Iesharelah, *bee*, his sonnes & his
 brethren *were* twelue:

15 The eight to Ieshaiah, *bee*, his sonnes and his brethren,
were twelue:

16 The ninth to Mattaniah, *be*, his sonnes and his brethren
were twelue:

17 The tenth to Shimei, *be*, his sons and his brethren *were* twelue:

18 The eleuenth to Azareel, *bee*, his sonnes and his brethren
were twelue:

19 The twelfth to Hashabiah, *be*, his sonnes and his
 brethren, *were* twelue:

20 The thirteenth to Shubael, *bee*, his sonnes and his
 brethren *were* twelue:

21 The fourteenth to Mattithiah,
 Qq *be*,

bee, his sonnes and his brethren, *were* twelue.

22 The fifteenth to Ierimoth, *bee*, his sonnes & his brethren, *were* twelue :

23 The sixteenth to Hananiah, *bee*, his sonnes & his brethren, *were* twelue :

24 The seuenteenth to Ioshbekashah, *be*, his sonnes and his brethren, *were* twelue :

25 The eighteenth to Hanani: *bee*, his sonnes & his brethren, *were* twelue :

26 The nineteenth to Mallothi, *bee*, his sonnes & his brethren, *were* twelue :

27 The twentieth to Eliathah, *bee*, his sonnes & his brethren, *were* twelue :

28 The one and twentieth to Hothir, *be*, his sonnes and his brethren *were* twelue.

29 The two and twentieth to Giddalti, *bee*, his sonnes and his brethren, *were* twelue.

30 The three and twentieth to Mahazioth, *be*, his sonnes and his brethren, *were* twelue.

31 The foure and twentieth to Romamti-Ezer, *be*, his sonnes and his brethren, *were* twelue.

CHAP. XXVI.

1 The diuisions of the porters. 13 The gates assigned by lot. 20 The Leuites that had charge of the treasures. 29 Officers and Iudges.

Concerning the diuisions of the porters: of the Korhites *was* || Meshelemiah the sonne of Kore, of the sonnes of || Asaph.

|| *Or, Shele-*
miah, ver.

14.

|| *Or, Abia-*
saph, chap.

9. 19. &
6. 37.

2 And the sonnes of Meshelemiah *were* Zechariah the first borne, Iediael the second, Zebadiah the third, Iathniel the fourth,

3 Elam the fifth, Iehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seuenth.

4 Moreouer the sonnes of Obed-Edom *were* Shemaiah the first borne, Iehozabad the second, Ioah the thirde, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the fifth.

5 Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seuenth, Peulthai the eighth: for God blessed || him.

|| That is,
Obed-
Edom, as
chap. 13.

14.

6 Also vnto Shemaiah his sonne *were* sonnes borne, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for they *were* mighty men of valour.

7 The sonnes of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren *were* strong men;

Elihu, and Semachiah.

8 All these of the sonnes of Obed-Edom: they and their sonnes and their brethren, able men for strength for the service, *were* threescore and two of Obed-Edom.

9 And Meshelemiah *had* sonnes and brethren, strong men, eightene.

10 Also Hosah of the children of Merari, had sonnes: Simri the chiefe, (for *though* he was not the first borne, yet his father made him the chiefe)

11 Hilkiyah the second, Tebaliah the thirde, Zechariah the fourth: all the sonnes and brethren of Hosah, *were* thirteene.

12 Among these were the diuisions of the porters, *euen* among the chiefe men, hauing wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 ¶ And they cast lots ||as well the small as the great, according to the house of their fathers for euery gate.

14 And the lot Eastward fel to ||Shelemiah; then for Zechariah his sonne (a wise counsellor:) they cast lots, and his lot came out Northward.

15 To Obed-Edom Southward, and to his sonnes, the house of †Asuppim.

16 To Shuppim and Hosa, *the lot came forth* Westward with the gate Shallecheth, by the causey of the going ||vp, ward against ward.

17 Eastward *were* sixe Leuites, Northward foure a day, Southward foure a day, and toward Asuppim two *and* two.

18 And Parbar Westward, foure at the causey, *and* two at Parbar.

19 These *are* the diuisions of the porters among the sonnes of Kore, and among the sonnes of Merari.

20 ¶ And of the Leuites, Ahiah *was* ouer the treasures of the house of God, and ouer the treasures of the †dedicate things.

21 As concerning the sonnes of ||Laadan: the sonnes of the Gershonite Laadan, hiefe fathers; *euen* of Laadan the Gershonite, *were* ||Iehieli.

22 The sonnes of Iehieli, Zetham and Ioel his brother, *which were* ouer the treasures of the house of the LORD.

23 Of the Amramites, *and* the Izharites, the Hebronites, *and* the Vzzielites:

24 And Shebuel the sonne of Gershom,

||Or, as well
for the

small as
for the

great.
|| Called
Meshele-

miah, ver.

1.
†Hebr. ga-
therings.

|| See 1.
king. 10.

4. 2. chr. 9.
4. 11.

†Heb. holy
things.

|| Or,
Libni,
chap. 6.

17.
|| Or, Ie-
hiel, chap.
23. 8.

shom, the sonne of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures.

25 And his brethren by Eliezer: Rehabiah his sonne, and Ishaiah his sonne, and Ioram his sonne, and Zichri his sonne, & Shelomith his sonne.

26 Which Shelomith and his brethren, were ouer all the treasures of the dedicate things, which Dauid the king and the chiefe fathers, the captaines ouer thousands and hundreds, and the captaines of the hoste had dedicated.

† *Heb. out
of the
battels and
spoiles.*

27 † Out of the spoyles wonne in battels, did they dedicate to maintaine the house of the LORD.

28 And all that Samuel the Seer, and Saul the sonne of Kish, and Abner the sonne of Ner, and Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah had dedicated, and whosoeuer had dedicated any thing, it *was* vnder the hand of Shelomith and of his brethren.

29 ¶ Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sonnes, *were* for the outward busines ouer Israel, for officers and Iudges.

† *Heb. ouer
the charge.*

30 And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seuen hundred, *were* † officers among them of Israel on this side Iorden westward, in all busines of the LORD, and in the seruice of the king.

31 Among the Hebronites *was* Ierijah the chiefe, *euen* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers: in the fourtieth yeere of the reigne of Dauid, they were sought for, and there were found among them mightie men of valour, at Iazer of Gilead.

32 And his brethren, men of valour, were two thousand and seuen hundred chiefe fathers, whom King Dauid made rulers ouer the Reubenites, the Gadites, & the halfe tribe of Manasseh, for euery matter perteing to God, and † affaires of the king.

† *Heb.
thing.*

CHAP. XXVII.

- 1 The twelue Captaines, for euery seuerall moneth. 16 The Princes of the twelue Tribes. 23 The numbring of the people is hindered. 25 Dauids seuerall Officers.

NOwe the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the chiefe fathers and captaines of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that serued the king in any

matter of the courses, which came in, and went out moneth by moneth, throughout all the moneths of the yeare, of euery course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

2 Ouer the first course for the first moneth *was* Iashobeam the sonne of Zabdiel, and in his course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

3 Of the children of Perez, *was* the chiefe of all the captaines of the host, for the first moneth.

4 And ouer the course of the second moneth *was* || Dodai || Or, Dodo. 2 Sam. 23. 9. an Ahohite, and of his course *was* Mikloth also the ruler: In his course *likewise were* twentie and foure thousand.

5 The third captaine of the host for the third month *was* Benaiah the sonne of Iehoiada a || chiefe priest, and in his course *were* twenty and foure thousand. || Or, principall officer. * 2. Sam. 23. 20. 22. 23. & 1. Chron. 11. 24.

6 This *is that* Benaiah, *who was* * mightie among the thirtie, and aboue the thirty: and in his course *was* Amizabad his sonne.

7 The fourth *captaine* for the fourth moneth *was* Asahel the brother of Ioab, and Zebadiah his sonne after him: and in his course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

8 The fifth *captaine* for the fifth moneth, *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

9 The sixt *captaine* for the sixth moneth, *was* Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite: and in his course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

10 The seuenth *captaine* for the seuenth moneth *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

11 The eighth *captaine* for the eighth moneth, *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

12 The ninth *captaine* for the ninth moneth, *was* Abiezer the Anetothite, of the Beniamites: and in his course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

13 The tenth *captaine* for the tenth moneth, *was* Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarhites: and in his course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

14 The eleuenth *captaine* for the eleuenth moneth *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and foure thousand.

|| Or,
Heled,
Chap. 11.
30

15 The twelfth *captaine* for the twelfth moneth, *was* ||Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course *were* twentie and foure thousand.

16 ¶ Furthermore, ouer the tribes of Israel: The Ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the sonne of Zichri: of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the sonne of Maachah.

17 Of the Leuites: Hashabiah the sonne of Kemuel; of the Aaronites, Zadok.

18 Of Iudah, Elihu, *one* of the brethren of Dauid: of Issachar, Omri the sonne of Michael.

19 Of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Ierimoth the sonne of Azriel.

20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the sonne of Azazziah: of the halfe tribe of Manasseh, Ioel the sonne of Pedaiah.

21 Of the halfe tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the sonne of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Iaasiel the son of Abner.

22 Of Dan, Azariel the sonne of Ieroham. These *were* the princes of the tribes of Israel.

23 ¶ But Dauid tooke not the number of them from twentie yeeres olde and vnder: because the LORD had said, hee would increase Israel like to the starres of the heauens.

* I. Chron.
21. 7.
2. sam. 24.
5. &c.
† Heb. as-
cended.

24 Ioab the sonne of Zeruiah began to number, *but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel, neither †*was* the number put in the account of the Chronicles of King Dauid.

25 ¶ And ouer the Kings treasures, *was* Azmaueth the sonne of Adiel: and ouer the store-houses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, *was* Iehonathan the sonne of Vzziah.

26 And ouer them that did the worke of the field, for tillage of the ground, *was* Ezri the sonne of Chelub.

† Heb. ouer
that which
was of the
vineyards.

27 And ouer the Vineyards, *was* Shimei the Ramathite: †ouer the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars, *was* Sabdi the Ziphmite.

28 And ouer the Oliue trees, and the Sycomore trees that *were* in the lowe plaines, *was* Baal-hanan the Gederite: and ouer the cellars of oyle *was* Ioash.

29 And ouer the herdes that fed in Sharon, *was* Shetrai the Sharonite: and ouer the herds that *were* in the val-

leys, *was* Shaphat the sonne of Adlai.

30 Ouer the camels also, *was* Obil the Ishmaelite: and ouer the Asses, *was* Iehdeiah the Meronothite.

31 And ouer the flockes, *was* Iaziz the Hagerite. All these *were* the rulers of the substance which *was* king Dauids.

32 Also Ionathan Dauids vncle, *was* a counsellor, a wise man, and a ||Scribe: and Iehiel the ||sonne of Hachmoni, *was* with the kings sonnes. || Or, secre-
tarie.

33 And Ahitophel *was* the kings counsellor, and Hushai the Archite, *was* the kings companion. || Or, Hach-
monite.

34 And after Ahitophel, *was* Iehoiada the sonne of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the general of the Kings armie *was* Ioab.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Dauid in a solemne assembly, hauing declared Gods fauour to him, and promise to his sonne Solomon, exhorteth them to feare God.

9. 20 Hee encourageth Solomon to build the Temple. 11 He giueth him paternes for the forme, and gold and siluer for the materials.

AND Dauid assembled all the Princes of Israel, the Princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministred to the king by course: and the captaines ouer the thousands, and captaines ouer the hundreds, and the stewards ouer all the substance and ||possession of the King, and of his sonnes, with the ||officers, and with the mightie men, and with all the valiant men, vnto Ierusalem. || Or,
cattell.
|| Or, Eu-
nuches.

2 Then Dauid the king stood vp vpon his feete, and said, Heare me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to builde an house of rest for the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, and for the *footestoole of our God, & had made ready for the building. * 2. Sam.
7. 5, 13.
1. kin. 5.
5. 1. chro.
22. 8.
† Heb.
bloods

3 But God said vnto me, Thou shalt not builde an house for my Name, because thou *hast been* a man of warre, and hast shed †blood.

4 Howbeit, the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father, to be king ouer Israel for euer: for he hath chosen *Iudah to be the ruler; & of the house of Iudah, the house of my father; and among the sonnes of my father, he liked me to make *me* king ouer all Israel: Gen. 49. 8.
1. sam. 16.
13. psal.
78. 67.

5 *And of all my sonnes (for the LORD hath giuen me many sonnes) * Cha. 23.
1
hee

hee hath chosen Solomon my sonne, to sit vpon the throne of the kingdome of the LORD ouer Israel.

* 2. Sam.
7. 13.
2. chro.
1. 9.

6 And he said vnto me, *Solomon thy sonne, hee shall build my house and my courts: for I haue chosen him to be my sonne, and I will be his father.

† Heb.
strong

7 Moreouer, I will establish his kingdome for euer, if he be †constant to do my commandements and my iudgements, as at this day.

8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keepe, and seeke for all the commandements of the LORD your God, that ye may possesse this good land, and leaue it for an inheritance for your children after you, for euer.

* 1. Sam.
16. 7. psal.
139. 2. and
7. 9. iere.
11. 20. and
17. 10. and
20. 12.

9 ¶ *And thou, Solomon my sonne, know thou the God of thy father, and serue him with a perfite heart, and with a willing minde: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and vnderstandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seeke him, he will be found of thee, but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for euer.

10 Take heed now, for the LORD hath chosen thee to builde an house for the Sanctuarie: be strong, and doe it.

11 ¶ Then Dauid gaue to Solomon his sonne the paterne of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the vpper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the Mercie-seate.

† Heb. of
all that was
with him.

12 And the paterne †of all that hee had by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the dedicate things:

13 Also for the courses of the Priests and the Leuites, & for all the worke of the seruice of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of seruice in the house of the LORD.

14 Hee gaue of golde by weight, for *things* of golde, for all instruments of all manner of seruice: siluer also for all instruments of siluer, by weight, for all instruments of euery kinde of seruice:

15 Euen the weight for the Candlestickes of golde, and for their lampes of golde, by weight for euery candlesticke, and for the lampes thereof: and for the Candlestickes of siluer by weight, *both*

for the Candlesticke and also for the lampes thereof, according to the vse of euery candlesticke.

16 And by weight *bee gaue* golde for the tables of shewbread, for euery table, and likewise siluer for the tables of siluer.

17 Also pure golde for the fleshhookes, and the bowles, and the cups: and for the golden basins *bee gaue* golde by weight, for euery basin; and likewise siluer by weight, for euery basin of siluer.

18 And for the Altar of incense, refined golde by weight; and gold for the paterne of the charet of the * Cherubims, that spread out *their wings*, and couered the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD. * 1. Sam. 4.
4 1. king.
6. 23, &c.

19 All this, *sayd Dauid*, the LORD made mee vnderstand in writing by *his hand* vpon mee, *euen* all the workes of this paterne.

20 And Dauid said to Solomon his sonne, Be strong, and of good courage, and doe *it*: feare not, nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, *euen* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not faile thee, nor forsake thee, vntill thou hast finished all the worke for the seruice of the house of the LORD.

21 And behold, the courses of the Priests and the Leuites, *euen they shall be* with thee for all the seruice of the house of God, and there *shall be* with thee for all manner of workemanship, euery willing skilfull man, for any maner of seruice: also the Princes and all the people *will bee* wholly at thy commandement.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Dauid by his example and intreatie, 6 causeth the Princes and people to offer willingly. 10 Dauids thankesgiuing and prayer. 20 The people hauing blessed God and sacrificed, make Solomon King. 26 Dauids reigne and death.

FVrthermore, Dauid the King said vnto all the congregation, Solomon my sonne, *whome* alone God hath chosen, *is* yet * young and tender, and the worke *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God. * Cha. 22.
5.

2 Now I haue prepared with all my might for the house
of my God, the
gold

gold for *things to be made* of gold, the siluer for *things* of siluer, and the brasse for *things* of brasse, the yron for *things* of yron, and wood for *things* of wood, onix stones, and stones to be set, glistering stones, and of diuers colours, and all maner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

3 Moreouer, because I haue set my affection to the house of my God, I haue of mine owne proper good, of gold and siluer, *which* I haue giuen to the house of my God, ouer & aboue all that I haue prepared for the holy house:

* 1. king.
9. 28.

4 *Euen* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of * Ophir, and seuen thousand talents of refined siluer, to ouerlay the walles of the houses withall.

† *Hebr. to
fill his
hand.*

5 The gold for *things* of golde, and the siluer for *things* of siluer, and for all maner of worke *to be made* by the hands of Artificers. And who then is willing † to consecrate his seruice this day vnto the LORD?

6 ¶ Then the chiefe of the fathers and Princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captaines of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers ouer the Kings worke, offered willingly,

7 And gaue for the seruice of the house of God, of gold five thousand talents, and ten thousand drammes: and of siluer, ten thousand talents: and of brasse, eighteene thousand talents: and one hundred thousand talents of yron.

8 And they with whom precious stones were found, gaue them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Iehiel the Gershonite.

9 Then the people reioyced, for that they offred willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and Dauid the King also reioyced with great ioy.

10 ¶ Wherefore Dauid blessed the LORD before all the Congregation: and Dauid saide, Blessed *bee* thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for euer and euer.

* Mat. 6.
13 1. tim.
1. 17. apoc.
5. 13.

11 Thine, O LORD, *is* the greatnes, and the power, and the glory, & the victorie, and the maiestie: for all *that is* in the heauen & in the earth, *is thine*: thine *is* * the kingdome, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head aboue all.

12 Both riches, and honour come of thee, and thou reignest ouer all, and in thine hand *is* power and might, and in

thine hand *it is* to make great, and to giue strength vnto all.

13 Now therefore, our God, wee thanke thee, and praise thy glorious Name.

14 But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should †be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things †*Hebr. re-
taine or
obtain*
come of thee, and of †thine owne haue we giuen thee.

15 For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* †*Hebr. of
strength
thine hand.*
all our fathers: *Our dayes on the earth *are* as a shadow, †*Hebr. of
thine hand.*
and there *is* none †abiding.

16 O LORD our God, all this store that we haue prepared to build thee an house for thine holy Name, commeth of †*Psal. 39.
12 and 90.
9. heb. 11.
13. 1. pet.
2. 11.*
thine hand, and *is* all thine owne.

17 I know also, my God, that thou *triest the heart, and hast pleasure in vprightnesse. As for me, in the vprightnes of mine heart I haue willingly offered all these things: and now haue I seene with ioy, thy people which are †present †*Hebr.
expecta-
tion.*
here, to offer willingly vnto thee. *Cha. 28.
9 1. Sam.
16. 7

18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and of Israel our fathers, keepe this for euer in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and ||prepare their heart vnto thee: †*Hebr.
found*
|| Or,
stablish

19 And giue vnto Solomon my sonne a perfect heart to keepe thy Commaundements, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to doe all *these things*, and to build the pallace, *for* the which I haue made prouision.

20 ¶ And Dauid said to all the Congregation: Nowe blesse the LORD your God. And all the Congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed downe their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the King.

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices vnto the LORD, & offered burnt offerings vnto the LORD on the morrow after that day, euen a thousand bullockes, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambes, with their drinke offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

22 And did eate and drinke before the LORD on that day with great gladnesse, and they made Solomon the sonne of Dauid King the second time, and *anointed *him* vnto the LORD to be the chiefe gouernour, and Zadok to be Priest. 1. King. 1.
33.

23 Then Solomon sate on the throne of the LORD, as king
in stead
of

of Dauid his father, and prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the princes and the mightie men, and all the sonnes likewise of king Dauid, †submitted themselues vnto Solomon the King.

† *Heb. gaue
the hand
vnder
Solomon.*

* 1. King.

3. 13.

2. chro. 1.

12. eccles.

2. 9.

25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and *bestowed vpon him *such* royal maiestie, as had not bene on any king before him in Israel.

26 ¶ Thus Dauid the sonne of Iesse, reigned ouer all Israel.

27 And the time that he reigned ouer Israel, *was* fourtie yeeres. Seuen

¶ THE SECOND of the

CHAP. I.

1 The solemne offering of Solomon at Gibeon. 7 Solomons choise of wisdom is blessed by God. 13 Solomons strength and wealth.

* 1. King. 2. 46. **A**ND Solomon the sonne of Dauid was strenghtned in his kingdome, *and the LORD his God *was* with him, & magnified him exceedingly.

2 Then Solomon spake vnto all Israel, to the captaines of thousands, and of hundreds, and to the Iudges, and to euery gouernour in all Israel, the chiefe of the fathers.

* 1. King. 3. 4. 1. Chro. 16. 39. and 21. 29. 3. 2. Sam. 6. 2, 17. *Exod. 38. 1. 3 So Solomon and all the Congregation with him, went to the high place that *was* at *Gibeon, for there was the Tabernacle of the Congregation of God, which Moses the seruant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

4 *But the Arke of God had Dauid brought vp from Kiriath-earim, to *the place which* Dauid had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Ierusalem.

5 Moreouer *the brasen Altar that

yeeres reigned hee in Hebron, and thirtie and three yeeres reigned hee in Ierusalem.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of dayes, riches and honour: and Solomon his sonne reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of Dauid the King first and last, behold, they *are* written in the ||booke of Samuel the Seer, and in the †booke of Nathan the Prophet, and in the booke of Gad the Seer, || Or, historie.
† Hebr. words.

30 With all his reigne and his might, and the times that went ouer him, and ouer Israel, and ouer all the kingdomes of the countreys.

BOOKE

Chronicles.

Bezaleel the sonne of Vri, the sonne of Hur, had made, ||hee || Or, was there.
put before the Tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon and the Congregation sought vnto it.

6 And Solomon went vp thither to the brasen Altar before the LORD, which *was* at the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings vpon it.

7 ¶ In that night did God appeare vnto Solomon, and saide vnto him; Aske what I shall giue thee.

8 And Solomon saide vnto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy vnto Dauid my father, and hast made *me to reigne * 1. Chro. 28. 5.
in his stead:

9 Now, O LORD God, let thy promise vnto Dauid my father be established: *for thou hast made mee King ouer * 1. King. 3. 9.
a people, †like the dust of the earth in multitude. † Heb.

10 Giue *mee now wisdom and knowledge, that I may goe out and come in before this people. For who can iudge much as the dust of the earth.
this thy people, *that is* so great? * 1. King. 3. 11, 12. num. 27.

11 And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long

life; but hast
asked

asked wisdom and knowledge for thy selfe, that thou mayest iudge my people, ouer whom I haue made thee King:

12 Wisdom and knowledge is granted vnto thee, and I will giue thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as * none of the kings haue had, that haue bene before thee, neither shall there any after thee haue the like.

13 ¶ Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high place that *was* at Gibeon, to Ierusalem, from before the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and reigned ouer Israel.

14 * And Solomon gathered charets and horsemen: and hee had a thousand and foure hundred charets, and twelue thousand horsemen, which he placed in the charet-cities, and with the King at Ierusalem.

15 * And the King † made siluer and gold at Ierusalem as *plenteous* as stones, and Cedar trees made hee as the Sycomore trees, that *are* in the vale for abundance.

16 * And † Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarne: the Kings merchants receiued the linnen yarne at a price.

17 And they fetcht vp and brought forth out of Egypt, a charet for sixe hundred shekels of siluer, and an horse for an hundred and fiftie: and so brought they out horses for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, † by their meanes.

CHAP. II.

1 and 17 Solomons labourers for the building of the Temple. 3 His embassage to Hiram for workemen and prouision of stuffe. 11 Hiram sendeth him a kinde answere.

AND Solomon determind to build an house for the Name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdome.

2 And Solomon told out threescore and tenne thousand men to beare burdens, and fourescore thousand to hewe in the mountaine, and three thousand and sixe hundred to ouersee them.

3 ¶ And Solomon sent to ¶ Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou diddest deale with Daud my father, and diddest send him Cedars to builde him an house to dwell therein, *euen so deale with me.*

4 Behold, I build an house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to him, and to burne before him †sweet incense, and for the continuall shew-bread, and for the burnt offerings morning and euening, on the Sabbaths, and on the new Moones, and on the solemne feasts of the LORD our God. This *is an ordinance* for euer to Israel.

† *Heb. incense of spices.*

5 And the house which I build, *is* great: for great *is* our God about all gods.

6 *But who †is able to build him an house, seeing the heauen, and heauen of heauens cannot conteine him? who am I then that I should build him an house? saue onely to burne sacrifice before him?

* 1. King. 8. 27.
2. chro. 6. 18.

7 Send me now therefore a man, cunning to worke in gold and in siluer, and in brasse, and in yron, and in purple and crimson, and blew, and that can skil to †graeue, with the cunning men that *are* with me in Iudah, and in Ierusalem, whome Dauid my father did prouide.

† *Heb. hath retained, or obtained strength.*
† *Heb. to graue grauings.*

8 Send me also Cedar trees, firre trees, and ||Algume trees, out of Lebanon: (for I know that thy seruants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon) and behold, my seruants *shalbe* with thy seruants,

|| *Or, Almuggim,*
1. Kin. 10. 11.

9 Euen to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build, *shalbe* †wonderfull great.

† *Heb. great and wonderfull.*

10 And behold, I will giue to thy seruants the hewers that cut timber, twentie thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twentie thousand measures of barley, and twentie thousand baths of wine, and twentie thousand baths of oyle.

11 ¶ Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which hee sent to Solomon: Because the LORD hath loued his people, hee hath made thee King ouer them.

12 Hiram said moreouer, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel that made heauen and earth, who hath giuen to Dauid the King a wise sonne, †indued with prudence and vnderstanding, that might build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdome.

† *Heb. knowing prudence and vnderstanding.*

13 And now I haue sent a cunning man (indued with vnderstanding) of Hiram my fathers:

14 The sonne of a woman of the daugh-

daughters of Dan, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, skilfull to worke in golde and in siluer, in brasse, in yron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blew, and in fine linen, and in crimson: also to graue any maner of grauing, and to find out euery deuice which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord Dauid thy father.

15 Now therefore the wheate and the barley, the oyle and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send vnto his seruants:

† *Heb. according to all thy need.*

† *Heb. Iapho*
* *As Ver.*

3.
† *Hebr. the men the strangers.*
* *As it is ver. 1.*

16 And wee will cut wood out of Lebanon, †as much as thou shalt need, and wee will bring it to thee in flotes by sea to †Ioppa, and thou shalt carie it vp to Ierusalem.

17 ¶ * And Solomon numbred all †the strangers that *were* in the lande of Israel, after the numbring wherewith Dauid his father had numbred them: and they were found an hundred and fiftie thousand, and three thousand and sixe hundred.

18 And he set * threescore and ten thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourescore thousand *to be* hewers in the mountaine, and three thousand and sixe hundred ouerseers to set the people a worke.

CHAP. III.

1 The place, and time of building the Temple. 3 The measure and ornaments of the house. 11 The Cherubims. 14 The vaile and pillars.

* 1. Kin. 6.
1, &c.

¶ *Or, which was seene of Dauid his father.*

¶ *Or, Araunah,*

2. Sam. 24.

18. 1. chr.

21. 18.

* 1. King.

6. 2.

† *Heb.*

founded.

* 1. King.

6. 3.

Then * Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Ierusalem in Mount Moriah, || where *the LORD* appeared vnto Dauid his father, in the place that Dauid had prepared in the threshing floore of || Ornan the Iebusite.

2 And he began to build in the second *day* of the second moneth, in the fourth yeere of his reigne.

3 ¶ Now these *are the things* * wherein Solomon was † instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubites after the first measure *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth twentie cubites.

4 And the * porch that *was* in the front of *the house*, the length of *it was* according to the breadth of the house, twentie cubites, and the height *was* an hundred and

twenty : and he ouerlaid it within, with pure gold.

5 And the greater house hee sieled with firre tree, which he ouerlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palme trees and chaines.

6 And he †garnished the house with precious stones for †*Heb. couered.* beautie, and the gold *was* gold of Paruaim.

7 Hee ouerlaid also the house, the beames, the postes and the wals thereof, and the doores thereof with gold, and graued Cherubims on the walles.

8 And he made the most holy house, the length whereof was, according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twentie cubits: and he ouerlaid it with fine gold *amounting* to sixe hundred talents.

9 And the weight of the nailes was fiftie shekels of gold: and he ouerlaide the vpper chambers with gold.

10 And in the most holy place hee made two Cherubims of ||image work, and ouerlaid them with gold.

|| Or, (as
some
thinke) of
moouable
worke.

11 ¶ And the wings of the Cherubims *were* twentie cubites long: *one* wing of the one *Cherub* *was* five cubites, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was likewise five cubites, reaching to the wing of the other Cherub:

12 And *one* wing of the other Cherub was five cubites, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubites also, ioyning to the wing of the other Cherub.

13 The wings of these Cherubims spread themselues forth twentie cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* ||inward.

|| Or, to-
ward the
house.

14 ¶ And he made the *vaile of blue and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and †wrought Cherubims there-
on.

* Mat. 27.

51
† Heb.

caused to
ascend

* Ier. 52.

21 1. king.

7. 15
† Hebr.

long.

* 1. King.

7. 21.

|| That is,

he shal

establish

|| That is,

in it is

strength

15 Also hee made before the house, *two pillars of thirtie and five cubites †high, and the chapter that was on the top of each of them, was five cubites.

16 And he made chaines, *as* in the Oracle, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars, and made an hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chaines.

17 And he *reared vp the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left, and called the name of that on the right hand, ||Iachin, and the name of that on the left, ||Boaz.

CHAP.

CHAP. III.

1 The Altar of brasse. 2 The molten Sea vpon twelue oxen. 6 The ten lauers, canstlesticks, and tables. 9 The Courts & the instruments of brasse. 19 The instruments of gold.

MOreouer he made an Altar of brasse, twentie cubites the length thereof, and twentie cubites the breadth thereof, and ten cubites the height therof.

2 ¶ * Also he made a molten Sea of ten cubites, † from brim to brim, round in compasse, and fīue cubites the height thereof, and a line of thirtie cubites did compasse it round about.

3 * And vnder it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did compasse it round about: tenne in a cubite compassing the Sea round about. Two rowes of oxen *were* cast, when it was cast.

4 It stood vpon twelue oxen: three looking toward the North, and three looking toward the West, and three looking toward the South, and three looking toward the East: and the Sea *was set* aboue vpon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.

5 And the thicknes of it *was* an hand breadth, & the brim of it like the worke of the brim of a cup, || with flowers of Lillies: *and* it receiued *and* held three thousand baths.

6 ¶ He made also ten Lauers, and put fīue on the right hand, and fīue on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the † burnt offering, they washed in them, but the Sea was for the Priests to wash in.

7 And hee made ten candlesticks of gold according to their forme, and set *them* in the Temple, fīue on the right hand, and fīue on the left.

8 He made also ten tables, and placed *them* in the Temple, fīue on the right side, and fīue on the left: and hee made an hundred || basens of gold.

9 ¶ Furthermore, hee made the court of the Priests, and the great court, and doores for the court, and ouerlayd the doores of them with brasse.

10 And he set the Sea on the rightside of the East end, ouer against the South.

11 And Hiram made the pots, and the shouels, and the || basens, and Hiram † finished the worke that he was to make for King Solomon for the house of God:

* 1. King.
7. 23. &c.
† Hebr.
from his
brim, to
his brim.
* 1. King.
7. 24.

|| Or, like a
Lillie
flower.

† Hebr. the
worke of
burnt of-
fering.

|| Or,
bowles.

|| Or,
bowles.
† Hebr.
finished to
make.

12 *To wit*, the two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapiters, which *were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreathes to couer the two pommels of the chapiters, which *were* on the top of the pillars :

13 And foure hundred Pomegranats on the two wreathes : two rowes of Pomegranats on each wreath, to couer the two pommels of the chapiters, which *were* † vpon the pillars.

† *Hebr.*
vpon the
face.

14 He made also bases ; and ||lauers made he vpon the bases.

15 One Sea, & twelue oxen vnder it.

|| *Or, cal-*
drons.

16 The pots also, and the shouels, and the fleshhookes, and all their instruments, did Hiram his father make to King Solomon for the house of the LORD, of † bright brasse.

† *Heb.*

17 In the plaine of Iordan did the King cast them, in the † clay-ground, betweene Succoth and Zeredathah.

made
bright, or
scoured.

18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance : for the weight of the brasse could not be found out.

† *Heb.*
thicknesses
of the

19 ¶ And Solomon made all the vessels, that *were* for the house of God, the golden Altar also, and the tables whereon the Shew-bread *was set*.

ground.

20 Moreouer the candlesticks with their lampes, that they should burne after the maner, before the Oracle, of pure gold :

21 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *made he* of golde, *and* that † perfect gold.

† *Hebr.*

22 And the snuffers, and the ||basens, and the spoones, and the censers, of pure gold. And the entry of the house, the inner doores thereof for the most Holy place, and the doores of the house of the Temple, *were* of gold.

perfections
of gold.
|| *Or,*
bowles.

CHAP. V.

1 The dedicated treasures. 2 The solemne induction of the Arke into the oracle. 11 God being praised, giueth a visible signe of his fauour.

THUS al the worke that Solomon made for the house of the LORD, was finished : * & Solomon brought in all * 1. King. the things that Dauid his father had dedicated ; and the 7. 51. siluer, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the house of God.

2 ¶ * Then Solomon assembled * 1. King. the 8. 1. &c.

the Elders of Israel, and all the heads of the Tribes, the chiefe of the fathers of the children of Israel vnto Ierusalem, to bring vp the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD, out of the citie of Dauid, which *is* Zion.

3 Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselues vnto the king in the feast, which *was* in the seuenth moneth.

4 And all the Elders of Israel came, and the Leuites tooke vp the Arke.

5 And they brought vp the Arke, and the tabernacle of the Congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the Priests *and* the Leuites bring vp.

6 Also king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel that were assembled vnto him before the Arke, sacrificed sheepe and oxen, which could not be told nor numbred for multitude.

7 And the priests brought in the Arke of the Couenant of the LORD vnto his place, to the Oracle of the house, into the most holy place, *euen* vnder the wings of the Cherubims:

8 For the Cherubims spread foorth *their* wings ouer the place of the Arke, and the Cherubims couered the Arke and the stauess thereof, aboue.

9 And they drew out the stauess of the Arke, that the ends of the stauess were seene from the Arke before the Oracle, but they were not seene without. And there || it is vnto this day.

|| Or, they
are there,
as 1. king.

8. 8.

* Deut. 10.

2, 5.

|| Or,
where.

10 *There was* nothing in the Arke saue the two tables which Moses *put *therein* at Horeb, || when the LORD made a *couenant* with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

† Hsb.
found

11 ¶ And it came to passe when the Priests were come out of the holy place (for all the priests that were † present were sanctified, *and* did not *then* wait by course :

* 1. Chron.

24. 5.

12 * Also the Leuites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Ieduthun, with their sonnes and their brethren, being arrayed in white linnen hauing cymbals, and psalteries, and harpes, stood at the East end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twentie Priests, sounding with trumpets:)

13 It came euen to passe, as the trumpetters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising

and thanking the LORD: and when they lift vp their voyce with the trumpets, and cymbals, and instruments of musicke, and praised the LORD, *saying*, * For he *is* good, for his mercie * ^{Psal.} *endureth* for euer: that *then* the house was filled with a ^{136.} cloude, *euen* the house of the LORD.

14 So that the Priests could not stand to minister, by reason of the cloude: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

CHAP. VI.

1 Solomon hauing blessed the people, blesseth God. 12 Solomons prayer in the consecration of the Temple, vpon the brasen scaffold.

THen *said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell in the *thicke darkenesse. ^{* 1. King. 8. 12, &c. * Leuit. 16.}

2 But I haue built an house of habitation for thee, and a 2. place for thy dwelling for euer.

3 And the King turned his face and blessed the whole Congregation of Israel, (and all the Congregation of Israel stood)

4 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his handes fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father Dauid, saying,

5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no citie among all the tribes of Israel to builde an house in, that my Name might be there, neither chose I any man to be a ruler ouer my people Israel:

6 But I haue chosen Ierusalem, that my name might be there, and haue chosen Dauid to be ouer my people Israel.

7 Now *it was in the heart of Dauid my father to build an ^{* 2. Sam. 7. 2.} house for the Name of the LORD God of Israel.

8 But the LORD said to Dauid my father: Forasmuch as it ^{1. chro. 28. 2.} was in thine heart to builde an house for my Name, thou diddest well in that it was in thine heart.

9 Notwithstanding thou shalt not build the house, but thy sonne which shall come forth out of thy loynes, he shall build the house for my Name.

10 The LORD therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken:
for

for I am risen vp in the roome of Dauid my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and haue built the house for the Name of the LORD God of Israel.

11 And in it haue I put the Arke, wherein *is* the Couenant of the LORD, that hee made with the children of Israel.

12 ¶ And he stood before the Altar of the LORD, in the presence of all the Congregation of Israel, and spread foorth his hands:

† *Hebr. the length thereof, &c.*

13 (For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold of fīue cubites †long, and fīue cubites broad, and three cubites high, and had set it in the midst of the Court, and vpon it hee stood, and kneeled downe vpon his knees before all the Congregation of Israel, and spread foorth his hands towards heauen.)

* Exod. 15.
11.

14 And said, O LORD God of Israel, *there *is* no God like thee in the heauen, nor in the earth, which keepest couenant, and *shewest* mercy vnto thy seruants, that walke before thee with all their hearts,

15 Thou which hast kept with thy seruant Dauid my father, that which thou hast promised him: and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

16 Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keepe with thy seruant Dauid my father, that which thou hast promised him, saying, *There shall not †faile thee a man in my sight, to sit vpon the throne of Israel: *yet so, that thy children take heede to their way, to walke in my Law, as thou hast walked before me.

* 2. Sam. 7.
12. 1. king.
2. 4. and 6.
12.
† *Heb.*

there shall not a man be cut off.

17 Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken vnto thy seruant Dauid.

* Psal. 132.

18 (But wil God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? *Behold, heauen, and the heauen of heauens cannot containe thee: how much lesse this house which I haue built?)

12.

* Chap. 2.

6. esay 66.

1. acts. 7.

49.

19 Haue respect therfore to the prayer of thy seruant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken vnto the cry, and the prayer which thy seruant prayeth before thee:

20 That thine eyes may bee open vpon this house day and night, vpon the place whereof thou hast saide, that thou wouldest put thy Name there, to

hearken vnto the prayer, which thy seruant prayeth || towards *|| Or, in this place.*

21 Hearken therefore vnto the supplications of thy seruant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall † make towards *† Heb. pray.* this place: heare thou from thy dwelling place, euen from heauen; and when thou hearest, forgiue.

22 ¶ If a man sinne against his neighbour, † and an oath be *† Hebr. and he require an oath of him.* layd vpon him, to make him sweare, and the oath come before thine Altar in this house:

23 Then heare thou from heauen, and doe, and iudge thy seruants by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way vpon his owne head, and by iustifying the righteous, by giuing him according to his righteousness.

24 ¶ And if thy people Israel † be put to the worse before *|| Or, bee smitten.* the enemy, because they haue sinned against thee, and shall returne and confesse thy Name, and pray and make supplication before thee || in this house:

25 Then heare thou from the heauens, and forgiue the sinne of thy people Israel, and bring them againe vnto the land which thou gauest to them, and to their fathers. *|| Or, towards.*

26 ¶ When the * heauen is shut vp, and there is no raine, ** 1. King. 17. 1.* because they haue sinned against thee: yet if they pray towards this place, and confesse thy Name, and turne from their sinne, when thou doest afflict them:

27 Then heare thou from heauen, and forgiue the sinne of thy seruants, and of thy people Israel; when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walke, and send raine vpon the land, which thou hast giuen vnto thy people for an inheritance.

28 ¶ If there * be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, ** Chap. 20.* if there be blasting, or mil-dew, locusts or caterpillers; if 9. their enemies besiege them in the † cities of their land: *† Hebr. in the land of their gates.* whatsoeuer sore, or whatsoeuer sicknesse there be:

29 Then what prayer, or what supplication soeuer shall bee made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when euery one shal know his owne sore and his owne grieve, and shall spread foorth his hands || in this house:

30 Then heare thou from heauen thy dwelling place, and forgiue, and render vnto euery man according vnto all his wayes, whose heart thou knowest (for thou onely * knowest ** 1. Chron. 28. 9.* the hearts of

of the children of men :)

† *Hebr. all the dayes which.*

† *Hebr. upon the face of the land.*

* Iohn 12. 20. acts. 8. 27.

31 That they may feare thee, to walke in thy waies †so long as they liue †in the land which thou gauest vnto our fathers.

32 ¶ Moreouer concerning the stranger * which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a farre cuntry for thy great Names sake, & thy mightie hand, and thy stretched out arme : if they come and pray in this house :

33 Then heare thou from the heauens, euen from thy dwelling place, and doe according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy Name, and feare thee, as doeth thy people Israel, and may know that †this house which I haue built, is called by thy Name.

† *Heb. thy Name is called upon this house.*

34 If thy people goe out to warre against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray vnto thee toward this citie which thou hast chosen, and the house which I haue built for thy Name :

|| *Or, right.*

35 Then heare thou from the heauens their prayer and their supplication, and maintaine their ||cause.

* Prou. 20. 9. eccles. 7. 21. iames 3. 2. 1. iohn 1. 8.

† *Heb. they that take them captiues cary them away.*

† *Heb. bring back to their heart.*

36 If they sinne against thee (for *there is* * no man which sinneth not) and thou be angry with them, and deliuer them ouer before their enemies, and †they cary them away captiues vnto a land far off or neere :

37 Yet *if* they †bethinke themselues in the land whither they are caried captiue, and turne and pray vnto thee in the land of their captiuitie, saying, Wee haue sinned, we haue done amisse, and haue dealt wickedly :

38 If they returne to thee with all their heart, and with all their soule, in the land of their captiuitie, whither they haue caried them captiues, and pray toward their land which thou gauest vnto their fathers, and *toward* the citie which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I haue built for thy Name :

39 Then heare thou from the heauens, *euen* from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintaine their ||cause, and forgiue thy people, which haue sinned against thee.

|| *Or, right.*

† *Heb. to the prayer of this place.*

40 Now, my God, let (I beseech thee) thine eyes bee open, and let thine eares be attent †vnto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

41 Now *therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting ^{*Psal. 132.}
place, thou, and the Arke of thy strength: Let thy Priests,⁹
O LORD God, be clothed with saluation, and let thy Saints
reioyce in goodnesse.

42 O LORD God, turne not away the face of thine anointed:
remember the mercies of Dauid thy seruant.

CHAP. VII.

1 God hauing giuen testimonie to Solomons prayer by fire from heauen,
and glory in the Temple, the people worship him. 4 Solomons
solemne sacrifice. 8 Solomon hauing kept the feast of Tabernacles
and the feast of the Dedication of the Altar, dismisseth the people.
12 God appearing to Solomon, giueth him promises vpon condition.

NOW when Solomon had made an ende of praying, the
*fire came downe from heauen, and consumed the ^{*1. King.}
burnt offering, and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD ^{8. 54, &c.}
filled the house. ^{leuit. 9. 24.}

2 And the Priests could not enter into the house of the
LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORDS
house.

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire
came downe, and the glory of the LORD vpon the house, they
bowed themselues with their faces to the ground vpon the
pauement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For
hee *is* good, for his mercy *endureth* for euer.

4 ¶ Then the King and all the people, offered sacrifices
before the LORD.

5 And King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twentie and two
thousand oxen, and an hundred and twentie thousand sheepe.
So the King and all the people, dedicated the house of God. ^{*1. Chron.}

6 *And the Priests waited on their offices: the Leuites also ^{15. 16.}
with instruments of musicke of the LORD, which Dauid the
King had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy
endureth for euer, when Dauid praised †by their ministerie: †*Heb. by*
and the Priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel *their hand.*
stood.

7 Moreouer, Solomon hallowed the middle of the Court,
that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there hee offered
burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the

brasen
altar

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Altar which Solomon had made, was not able to receiue the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

8 ¶ Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seuen dayes, and all Israel with him, a very great Congregation, from the entring in of Hamath, vnto the *Riuer of Egypt.

* Iosh. 13.

3.
† *Hebr. a restraint.*

9 And in the eight day they made †a solemne assembly: for they kept the dedication of the Altar seuen dayes, and the feast seuen dayes.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seuenth moneth, he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodnesse that the LORD had shewed vnto Dauid, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

* 1. King.

9. 1. &c.

11 Thus *Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the Kings house: and all that came into Solomons heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his owne house, hee prosperously effected.

* Deut. 12.

5.

12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said vnto him, I haue heard thy prayer, *and haue chosen this place to my selfe for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut vp heauen that there bee no raine, or if I command the locusts to deuoure the land, or if I send pestilence among my people:

† *Hebr. upon whom my Name is called.*

14 If my people †which are called by my Name, shall humble themselues and pray, and seeke my face, and turne from their wicked wayes: then will I heare from heauen, and will forgiue their sinne, and will heale their land.

* Chap. 6.

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† *Heb. to the prayer of this place.*

* Chap. 6.

6.

15 Now mine eyes shalbe open, and mine *eares attent †vnto the prayer *that is made* in this place.

16 For now haue *I chosen, & sanctified this house, that my Name may be there for euer: and mine eyes and mine heart shalbe there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walke before me, as Dauid thy father walked, and doe according to all that I haue commanded thee, and shalt obserue my Statutes, and my Iudgements:

* Chap. 6.

16.

† *Hebr. there shall not be cut off to thee.*

* Leuit. 26.

14. deut.

28. 15.

18 Then wil I stablish the throne of thy kingdome, according as I haue couenanted with Dauid thy father, saying, *† There shall not faile thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

19 *But if yee turne away and for-

sake my Statutes and my Commandements which I haue set before you, and shall goe and serue other gods, and worship them :

20 Then will I plucke them vp by the roots out of my land which I haue giuen them, and this house which I haue sanctified for my Name, wil I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a prouerbe, and a by-word among all nations.

21 And this house which is high, shall be an astonishment to euery one that passeth by it ; so that hee shall say ; * Why hath the LORD done thus vnto this land, and vnto this house ? * Deut. 29.
24, iere. 22.
8, 9.

22 And it shalbe answered, Because they forsooke the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and layd hold on others gods, and worshipped them, aud serued them : Therefore hath hee brought all this euil vpon them.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Solomons buildings. 7 The Gentiles which were left, Solomon made tributaries, but the Israelites, rulers. 11 Pharaohs daughter remoueth to her house. 12 Solomons yeerely solemne sacrifices. 14 Hee appointeth the Priests and Leuites to their places. 17 The Nauie fetcheth gold from Ophir.

AND *it came to passe (at the end of twentie yeeres, * 1. King. 9. 10, &c. wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, & his own house)

2 That the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

3 And Solomon went to Hamath Zobah, and preuailed against it.

4 And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store-cities, which he built in Hamath.

5 Also he built Beth-horon the vpper, and Beth-horon the nether, fensed cities with walles, gates and barres :

6 And Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the charet-cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and †all that Solomon desired to build in Ierusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

7 ¶ As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, † Hebr. all
the desire
of Solomon,
which he
desired to
build. and

and the Perizzites, and the Hiuites, and the Iebusites, which were not of Israel :

8 But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not ; them did Solomon make to pay tribute, vntill this day.

9 But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no seruants for his worke : but they were men of warre, and chiefe of his captains, and captains of his charets and horsemen.

10 And these *were* the chiefe of king Solomons officers, euen two hundred and fifty, that bare rule ouer the people.

* 1. King. 11 ¶ And Solomon * brought vp the daughter of Pharaoh
3. 1. & 7. out of the citie of Daud, vnto the house that he had built for
8. her : for hee said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of
† *Heb. holinessse.* Daud king of Israel, because the *places* are † holy, whereunto the Arke of the LORD hath come.

12 ¶ Then Solomon offered burnt offerings vnto the LORD on the Altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch :

* Exod. 29. 13 Euen after a certaine rate euery * day, offering according
23. to the commandement of Moses, on the Sabbaths, and on the
* Exod. 23. new Moones, and on the solemne Feasts * three times in the
14. deut. yeere, *euen* in the feast of Vnleauened bread, and in the feast
16. 16. of Weekes, and in the feast of Tabernacles.

14 ¶ And he appointed, according to the order of Daud his
* 1. Chron. father, the * courses of the Priests to their seruice, and the
24. 1. Leuites to their charges, to praise and minister before the
* 1. Chron. Priests, as the duety of euery day required : the * porters also
9. 17. by their courses, at euery gate : for † so had Daud the man
† *Heb. so was the commandement of Daud the man of God.* of God commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandement of the King vnto the Priests and Leuites, concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

16 Now all the worke of Solomon was prepared vnto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and vntill it was finished : so the house of God was perfected.

|| Or, 17 ¶ Then went Solomon to Ezion Geber, and to || Eloth,
Elath, at the sea side in the land of Edom.
deut. 2. 8.

18 And Hiram sent him by the hands of his seruants, shippes, and seruants

that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the seruants of Solomon to Ophir, and tooke thence foure hundred and fiftie talents of golde, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

CHAP. IX.

- 1 The Queene of Sheba admireth the wisdom of Solomon. 13 Solomons golde, 15 His Targets. 17 The throne of Iuory. 20 His vessels. 23 His presents. 25 His chariots and horse. 26 His tributes. 29 His reigne and death.

AND *when the Queene of Sheba heard of the fame of *1. King. Solomon, shee came to prooue Solomon with hard 10. 1, &c. questions at Ierusalem, with a very great companie, and mat. 12. camels that bare spices, and golde in abundance, and precious 42. luke stones: and when she was come to Solomon, shee communed 11. 31. with him of all that was in her heart.

2 And Solomon tolde her all her questions: and there was nothing hid from Solomon, which he told her not.

3 And when the Queene of Sheba had seene the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built,

4 And the meate of his table, and the sitting of his seruants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparell, his ||cup-bearers also, and their apparell, and his ascent, by which || Or, hee went vp into the house of the LORD; there was no more butlers spirit in her.

5 And she said to the King, It *was* a true †report which I †Heb. heard in mine owne land, of thine ||actes, and of thy wisdom: word. 6 Howbeit, I beleueed not their wordes, vntill I came, and || Or, say- mine eyes had seene *it*: and behold, the one halfe of the ings greatnesse of thy wisdom was not tolde mee: *for* thou exceedest the fame that I heard.

7 Happy *are* thy men, and happy *are* these thy seruants, which stand continually before thee, and heare thy wisdom.

8 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, to be King for the LORD thy God: because thy God loued Israel, to establish them for euer, therefore made hee thee King ouer them, to doe iudgement and iustice.

9 And she gaue the king an hundred and twentie talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, & precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the Queene of Sheba gaue King Solomon.

10 And the seruants also of Hiram, and the seruants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought Algume trees and, precious stones.

|| Or,
staires;
Heb. high
wayes.

11 And the king made *of* the Algume trees, †terrises to the house of the LORD, and to the kings palace, and harpes and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seene before in the land of Iudah.

12 And King Solomon gaue to the Queene of Sheba, all her desire, whatsoeuer she asked, besides that which she had brought vnto the king: So she turned, and went away to her owne land, she, and her seruants.

13 ¶ Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one yeere, was sixe hundred and threescore and sixe talents of gold:

|| Or, cap-
taines.

14 Besides that which chapmen and merchants brought: and all the kings of Arabia, and ||gouernours of the countrie, brought gold and siluer to Solomon.

15 ¶ And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: sixe hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target.

16 And three hundred shields *made he* of beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forrest of Lebanon.

17 Moreouer the king made a great throne of yuorie, and ouerlaid it with pure gold.

† Heb.
hands

18 And *there were* sixe steps to the throne, with a footstoole of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and †stayes on each side of the sitting place, and two lyons standing by the stayes.

19 And twelue lyons stood there on the one side and on the other, vpon the sixe steps. There was not the like made in any kingdome.

† Heb. shut
vp.
|| Or, there
was no
siluer in
them.

20 ¶ And all the drinking vessels of King Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forrest of Lebanon *were of* †pure gold: ||none *were* of siluer; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the dayes of Solomon.

21 For the kings ships went to Tar-

shish with the seruants of Hiram : euerie three yeeres once came the ships of Tarshish bringing golde, and siluer, ||yuorie, || Or, elephants teeth. and apes, and peacocks.

22 And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

23 ¶ And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to heare his wisdom, that God had put in his heart.

24 And they brought euery man his present, vessels of siluer, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harnesse, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate yeere by yeere.

25 ¶ And Solomon *had foure thousand stalles for horses, * 1. King. 4. 26. and charets, and twelue thousand horsemen, whom hee bestowed in the charet cities, and with the king at Ierusalem.

26 ¶ And hee reigned ouer all the kings, *from the ||riuer, * Gen. 15. 18. || That is, Euphrates. euen vnto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt.

27 And the king †made siluer in Ierusalem as stones, and cedar trees made he as the Sycomore trees, that *are* in the low plaines, in abundance. † Heb. gauc.

28 *And they brought vnto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands. * 1. King. 10. 28. and 2. chron. 1. 16.

29 ¶ Now the rest of the *actes of Solomon first and last, *are* they not written in the †booke of Nathan the Prophet, and in the prophesie of Ahiah the Shilonite, and in the visions of *Iddo the Seer, against Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat? * 1. King. 11. 41. † Heb. words

30 And Solomon reigned in Ierusalem ouer all Israel, fourtie yeeres. * Chap. 12. 15.

31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and hee was buried in the citie of Dauid his father, and Rehoboam his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. X.

1 The Israelites assembled at Shechem to crowne Rehoboam, by Ieroboam make a suite of relaxation vnto him. 6 Rehoboam, refusing the old mens counsell, by the aduice of yong men, answereth them roughly. 16 Tenne Tribes reuolting, kill Hadoram, and make Rehoboam to flie.

AND *Rehoboam went to Shechem : for to Shechem 1. King. 12. 1, &c. were all Israel come to make him king.

2 And it came to passe when Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat (who

(who *was* in Egypt, whither hee had fled from the presence of Solomon the king) heard it, that Ieroboam returned out of Egypt.

3 And they sent and called him. So Ieroboam and all Israel came, and spake to Rehoboam, saying,

4 Thy father made our yoke grievous, nowe therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous seruitude of thy father, and his heauy yoke that he put vpon vs, and we will serue thee.

5 And hee said vnto them, Come againe vnto me after three dayes. And the people departed.

6 ¶ And king Rehoboam tooke counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father, while hee yet liued, saying, What counsell giue ye *me*, to returne answer to this people?

7 And they spake vnto him, saying, If thou bee kinde to this people, and please them, and speake good words to them, they will be thy seruants for euer.

8 But he forsooke the counsel which the old men gaue him, and tooke counsell with the yong men, that were brought vp with him, that stood before him.

9 And he said vnto them, What aduice giue ye, that wee may returne answer to this people, which haue spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put vpon vs?

10 And the yong men that were brought vp with him, spake vnto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake vnto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heauy, but make thou it somewhat lighter for vs: thus shalt thou say vnto them, My litle finger shall be thicker then my fathers loynes.

† Heb.
laded.

11 For where as my father †put a heauy yoke vpon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

12 So Ieroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the King bade, saying, Come againe to me on the third day.

13 And the king answered them roughly, and king Rehoboam forsooke the counsell of the old men,

14 And answered them after the aduice of the yong men, saying, My father made your yoke heauy, but I will adde thereto: my father chastised you

with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions.

15 So the king hearkened not vnto the people, for the cause was of God, that the LORD might performe his word, which he spake by the *hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat. * 1. King.
11 29.

16 ¶ And when all Israel *sawe* that the king would not hearken vnto them, the people answered the king saying, What portion *haue* wee in Dauid? and wee *haue* none inheritance in the sonne of Iesse: Euery man to your tents, O Israel: and now Dauid, see to thine owne house. So all Israel went to their tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Iudah, Rehoboam reigned ouer them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that *was* ouer the tribute, and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died: but king Rehoboam †made speed to get him vp to his charet, to flee to Ierusalem. † Heb.
strengthened
himselfe.

19 And Israel rebelled against the house of Dauid vnto this day.

CHAP. XI.

1 Rehoboam raising an armie to subdue Israel, is forbidden by Shemaiah. 5 He strengtheneth his kingdome with forts and prouision. 13 The Priests and Leuites, and such as feared God, forsaken by Ieroboam, strengthen the kingdome of Iudah. 18 The wiues and children of Rehoboam.

ANd *when Rehoboam was come to Ierusalem, he gathered * 1. King.
12 21, &c. of the house of Iudah and Benjamin, an hundred and fourescore thousand chosen *men*, which were warriers, to fight against Israel, that hee might bring the kingdome againe to Rehoboam.

2 But the worde of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

3 Speake vnto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Iudah, and to all Israel in Iudah & Benjamin, saying,

4 Thus saith the LORD; Ye shall not goe vp, nor fight against your brethren: returne euery man to his house, for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Ieroboam.

Rr 3

5 ¶ And

5 ¶ And Rehoboam dwelt in Ierusalem, and built cities for defence in Iudah.

6 He built euen Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

7 And Bethzur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

8 And Gath, and Maresha, and Ziph,

9 And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

10 And Zorah, and Aialon, and Hebron, which *are* in Iudah and in Beniamin, fenced cities.

11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captaines in them, and store of vitaille, and of oyle and wine.

12 And in euery seuerall citie he put shields and speares, and made them exceeding strong, hauing Iudah and Beniamin on his side.

13 ¶ And the Priests and the Leuites that *were* in all Israel, †resorted to him out of all their coasts.

† *Hebr.*
presented
themselves
to him.

*Chap. 13.
9.

14 For the Leuites left their suburbs, and their possession, and came to Iudah and Ierusalem: for Ieroboam *and his sonnes had cast them off from executing the Priests office vnto the LORD.

15 And hee ordeined him priests for the high places, and for the deuils, and for the calues which he had made.

16 And after them out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seeke the LORD God of Israel, came to Ierusalem, to sacrifice vnto the LORD God of their fathers.

17 So they strengthened the kingdome of Iudah, and made Rehoboam the sonne of Solomon strong, three yeeres: for three yeeres they walked in the way of Dauid and Solomon.

18 ¶ And Rehoboam tooke him Mahalath the daughter of Ierimoth the sonne of Dauid to wife, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Iesse:

19 Which bare him children, Ieush, and Shamariah, and Zaham.

* 1. King.
15. 2.

20 And after her, hee tooke *Maacah the daughter of Absalom, which bare him Abijah, and Atthai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.

21 And Rehoboam loued Maacah the daughter of Absalom, aboue all his wiues and his concubines: for he tooke eighteene wiues, and threescore concubines, and begate twentie and eight sonnes, and threescore daughters.

22 And Rehoboam made Abiiah the sonne of Maacah the chiefe, to be ruler among his brethren: for *he thought* to make him king.

23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Iudah and Benjamin, vnto euery fenced citie: and he gaue them vitale in abundance: and hee desired † many wiues.

† *Hebr. a multitude of wiues.*

CHAP. XII.

1 Rehoboam forsaking the LORD, is punished by Shishak. 5 He and the Princes repenting at the preaching of Shemaiah, are deliuered from destruction, but not from spoile. 13 The reigne and death of Rehoboam.

AND it came to passe when Rehoboam had established the kingdome, and had strengthened himselfe, hee forsooke the Law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.

2 And it came to passe, that in the fifth yere of Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came vp against Ierusalem, (* because they had transgressed against the LORD)

* 1. King.
14. 24. and
25.

3 With twelue hundred charets, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt: the Lubims, the Sukkiims, & the Ethiopians.

4 And hee tooke the fenced cities which *perteined* to Iudah, and came to Ierusalem.

5 ¶ Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the Princes of Iudah that were gathered together to Ierusalem because of Shishak, and said vnto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye haue forsaken me, and therfore haue I also left you in the hand of Shishak.

6 Whereupon, the Princes of Israel, and the king humbled themselues; and they saide, The LORD *is* righteous.

7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselues, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They haue humbled themselues, *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them || some deliuerance, and my wrath shall not be powred out vpon Ierusalem, by the hand of Shishak.

|| *Or, a little while.*

8 Neuerthelesse they shalbe his seruants,

uants, that they may know my seruice, and the seruice of the kingdomes of the countreys.

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came vp against Ierusalem, and tooke away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the kings house, hee tooke all: he caried away also the shields of gold, which Solomon had *made.

* Cha. 9.

15 10 In stead of which, king Rehoboam made shields of brasse, and committed *them* to the hands of the chiefe of the guard, that kept the entrance of the Kings house.

11 And when the king entred into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fet them, and brought them againe into the guard-chamber.

12 And when he humbled himselfe, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that hee would not destroy *him* altogether: || and also in Iudah things went well.

|| Or, and yet in Iudah there were good things.

* I. King. 14. 21.

13 ¶ So king *Rehoboam strengthened himselfe in Ierusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam *was* one and fourty yeeres olde when hee began to reigne, and he reigned seuteene yeeres in Ierusalem, the citie which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his Name there: and his mothers name *was* Naamah an Ammonitesse.

|| Or, fixed.

14 And hee did euill, because hee || prepared not his heart to seeke the LORD.

† Heb. words

15 Now the acts of Rehoboam first and last, are they not written in the † booke of Shemaiah the Prophet, and of Iddo the Seer, concerning genealogies? and *there were* warres betweene Rehoboam & Ieroboam continually.

16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the citie of Daud, and Abiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Abiah succeeding, maketh warre against Ieroboam. 4 Hee declareth the right of his cause. 13 Trusting in God, hee ouercommeth Ieroboam. 21 The wiues and children of Abiah.

* 1. King. 15. 1, &c.

NOwe *in the eighteenth yeere of king Ieroboam, began Abiah to reigne ouer Iudah.

2 He reigned three yeres

in Ierusalem: (his mothers name also *was* Michaiah the daughter of Vriel of Gibeā:) and there was warre between Abiiah and Ieroboam.

3 And Abiiah †set the battell in aray with an army of †*Heb. bound together.* valiant men of warre, euen foure hundred thousand chosen men: Ieroboam also set the battell in aray against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mightie men of valour.

4 ¶ And Abiiah stood vp vpon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and sayde, Heare mee thou Ieroboam, and all Israel:

5 Ought you not to know, that the LORD God of Israel gaue the kingdome ouer Israel to Dauid for euer, *euen* to him and to his sonnes by a couenant of salt?

6 Yet Ieroboam the sonne of Nebat, the seruant of Solomon the sonne of Dauid, is risen vp, and hath *rebelled against his LORD. * 1. King. 11. 26.

7 And there are gathered vnto him vaine men the children of Belial, and haue strengthened themselues against Rehoboam the sonne of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young, & tender hearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye thinke to withstand the kingdome of the LORD, in the hand of the sonnes of Dauid, and ye *be* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calues, which Ieroboam *made you for gods.

9 *Haue yee not cast out the Priests of the LORD the sonnes of Aaron, and the Leuites, and hane made you priests after the maner of the nations of *other* lands? so that whoso-euer commeth to †consecrate himselfe with a young bullocke and seuen rammes, the same may be a priest of *them* that are no gods. * 1. King. 12. 28.
* Chap. 11. 14.

10 But as for vs, the LORD *is* our God, and wee haue not forsaken him, and the Priests *which* minister vnto the LORD, *are* the sonnes of Aaron, and the Leuites *waite* vpon *their* businesse.

11 *And they burne vnto the LORD euery morning, and euery euening, burnt sacrifices and sweete incense: the **shew*-bread also *set* *they* in order vpon the pure table, and the Candlesticke of golde with the lampes therof, to burne euery euening: for we keepe the charge of the LORD our God, but yee haue forsaken him. * Chap. 2. 4.
* Leu. 24. 6.

12 And

12 And behold, God *himselfe is* with vs for *our* captaine, and his Priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarme against you: O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper.

13 ¶ But Ieroboam caused an ambushment to come about behinde them: so they were before Iudah, and the ambushment *was* behind them.

14 And when Iudah looked backe, behold, the battel *was* before and behind; and they cried vnto the LORD, and the Priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Iudah gaue a shout: and as the men of Iudah shouted, it came to passe that God smote Ieroboam and all Israel, before Abiiah and Iudah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Iudah: and God deliuered them into their hand.

17 And Abiiah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fel downe slaine of Israel, fue hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Israel were brought vnder at that time, and the children of Iudah preuailed, because they relied vpon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abiiah pursued after Ieroboam, & tooke cities from him, Beth-el with the townes thereof, and Ieshanah with the townes thereof, and Ephrain with the townes thereof.

20 Neither did Ieroboam recouer strength againe in the dayes of Abiiah: and the LORD strooke him, & he died.

21 ¶ But Abiiah waxed mighty, and married fourteene wiues, and begate twentie and two sonnes, and sixteene daughters.

¶ Or, commentary.

* Chap. 12.

15.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abiiah, and his waies, and his sayings, *are* written in the ||story of the Prophet *Iddo.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Asa succeeding destroieth idolatry. 6 Hauing peace, he strengtheneth his kingdome with forts and armies. 9 Calling on God, he ouerthroweth Zerah, and spoileth the Ethiopians.

SO Abiiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the citie of Daud, and *Asa his sonne reigned in his stead: in his dayes the land was quiet ten yeeres.

2 And Asa did that *which was* good

* 1. King.
15. 8. &c.

and right in the eyes of the LORD his God.

3 For hee tooke away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake downe the †images, and cut downe the groues: †Hebr. statues.

4 And commanded Iudah to seeke the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the Law, and the Commandement.

5 Also he tooke away out of all the cities of Iudah, the high places and the †images: and the kingdome was quiet before him. †Hebr. Sun-images.

6 ¶ And hee built fenced cities in Iudah; for the land had rest, and hee had no warre in those yeeres; because the LORD had giuen him rest.

7 Therefore hee said vnto Iudah, Let vs build these cities, & make about them walles, and towers, gates and barres, while the land *is* yet before vs: because wee haue sought the LORD our God, wee haue sought *him*, and hee hath giuen vs rest on euery side: so they built, and prospered.

8 And Asa had an armie *of men* that bare targets and speares, out of Iudah three hundred thousand, and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bowes, two hundred and fourescore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour.

9 ¶ * And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian, *Chap. 16. with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred 8. charrets, and came vnto Mareshah.

10 Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battel in aray in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

11 And Asa cried vnto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it *is* *nothing with thee to helpe, whether with many, or with them that haue no power. Helpe vs, O LORD our God, for we rest on thee, and in thy Name wee goe against this multitude: O LORD thou art our God, let not ¶man * I. Sam. 14. 6.
|| Or, mortall man. preuaile against thee.

12 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Iudah, and the Ethiopians fled.

13 And Asa and the people that *were* with him, pursued them vnto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were ouerthrown, that they could not recouer themselues, for they were †destroyed before the LORD, and before his hoste, and they caried away very much spoile. †Hebr. broken.

14 And they smote all the cities round

round about Gerar, for the feare of the LORD came vpon them: and they spoiled all the cities, for there was exceeding much spoile in them.

15 They smote also the tents of cattell, and caried away sheepe and camels inabundance, and returned to Ierusalem.

CHAP. XV.

1 Asa with Iudah and many of Israel, moued by the prophesie of Azariah the sonne of Oded, make a solemne couenant with God.
16 He putteth downe Maachah his mother, for her idolatry. 18 He bringeth dedicate things into the house of God, and enioyeth a long peace.

AND the Spirit of God came vpon Azariah the sonne of Oded.

† *Heb. before Asa.*

2 And he went out † to meet Asa, and said vnto him, Heare ye me, Asa, and all Iudah, and Benjamin, The LORD *is* with you, while yee be with him: and if yee seeke him, he will be found of you: but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

3 Now for a long season Israel *bath bene* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.

4 But when they in their trouble did turne vnto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, hee was found of them.

5 And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* vpon all the inhabitants of the countreys.

† *Hebr. beaten in pieces.*

6 And nation was † destroyed of nation, and citie of citie: for God did vexe them with all aduersitie.

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands bee weake: for your worke shall be rewarded.

† *Heb. abominations.*

8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophesie of Oded the prophet, he tooke courage, and put away the † abominable idoles out of all the lande of Iudah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which hee had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the Altar of the LORD, that *was* before the porch of the LORD.

9 And he gathered all Iudah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: (for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance when they

saw that the LORD his God *was* with him.)

10 So they gathered themselues together at Ierusalem, in the third moneth, in the fifteenth yeere of the reigne of Asa.

11 And they offered vnto the LORD †the same time, of the ^{† Heb. in that day.} spoile *which* they had brought, seuen hundred oxen, and seuen thousand sheepe.

12 And they entred into a couenant to seeke the LORD God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soule :

13 That whosoeuer would not seeke the LORD God of Israel, *should be put to death, whether small or great, ^{* Deut. 13.} whether man or woman. 9

14 And they sware vnto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

15 And all Iudah reioyced at the oath : for they had sworne with all their heart, & sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them : and the LORD gaue them rest round about.

16 ¶ And also concerning *Maachah the mother of Asa ^{* 1. King. 15. 13.} the king, he remooued her from beeing Queene, because she had made an †idole in a groue : and Asa cut downe her ^{† Heb. horror} idole, and stamped *it*, and burnt *it* at the brooke Kidron.

17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel : neuerthelesse the heart of Asa was perfect all his dayes.

18 ¶ And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himselfe had dedicated, siluer, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no *more* warre vnto the fūe and thirtieth yeere of the reigne of Asa.

CHAP. XVI.

1 Asa, by the aide of the Syrians, diuerteth Baasha from building of Ramah. 7 Being reproued thereof by Hanani, he putteth him in prison. 11 Among his other actes in his disease he seeketh not to God, but to the Physitians. 13 His death and buriall.

I N *the sixe and thirtieth yeere of the reigne of Asa, ^{* 1. Kings 15. 17.} Baasha king of Israel came vp against Iudah, and built Ramah, to the intent that hee might let none goe out or come in to Asa king of Iudah.

2 Then

2 Then Asa brought out siluer and golde out of the treasures of the house of the LORD, and of the kings house, and sent to Benhadad King of Syria that dwelt at †*Heb. Damesek.* Damascus, saying;

3 *There is* a league betweene me and thee, as *there was* betweene my father and thy father: beholde, I haue sent thee siluer and golde, goe, breake thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

4 And Benhadad hearkened vnto king Asa, and sent the captaines of †*Heb. which were his.* his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Iion, and Dan, and Abel-maim, & all the store-cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came to passe, when Baasha heard *it*, that hee left off building of Ramah, and let his worke cease.

6 Then Asa the king tooke all Iudah, and they caried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was a building, and hee built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

7 ¶ And at that time Hanani the Seer came to Asa king of Iudah, and said vnto him, Because thou hast relyed on the king of Syria, and not relyed on the LORD thy God, therefore is the hoste of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

*Cha. 14. 8 Were *not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a †*Heb. in abundance.* huge hoste, with very many charets and horsemen? Yet because thou diddest relie on the LORD, he deliuered them into thine hand.

9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, ¶to shewe himselfe strong in the behalfe of *them*, whose heart is perfite towards him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; therefore, from hencefoorth thou shalt haue warres.

10 Then Asa was wroth with the Seer, and put him in a prison-house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa †*Heb. crushed.* oppressed some of the people the same time.

11 ¶ And behold, the actes of Asa first and last, lo, they are written in the booke of the Kings of Iudah and Israel.

12 And Asa in the thirtie and ninth yeere of his reigne, was diseased in his feete, vntill his disease *was* exceeding great: yet in his disease hee sought not to the LORD, but to the Physicians.

13 ¶ And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fourtieth yeere of his reigne.

14 And they buried him in his owne sepulchres which he had †made for himselfe in the citie of Dauid, and laide him †*Heb. digged.* in the bed, which was filled with sweet odours, and diuers kindes of *spices* prepared by the Apothecaries arte: & they made a very great burning for him.

CHAP. XVII.

1 Iehoshaphat succeeding Asa, reigneth well, and prospereth. 7 He sendeth Leuites with the Princes to teach Iudah. 10 His enemies being terrified by God, some of them bring him presents and tribute. 12 His greatnesse, captaines and armies.

AND *Iehoshaphat his sonne reigned in his stead, and *1. King. 15. 24. strengthened himselfe against Israel.

2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Iudah, and set garisons in the land of Iudah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.

3 And the LORD was with Iehoshaphat, because hee walked in the first wayes of his father Dauid, and sought not vnto Baalim:

4 But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his commandements, and not after the doings of Israel:

5 Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdome in his hand, and all Iudah †brought to Iehoshaphat presents, and he had †*Heb. gaue.* riches and honour in abundance.

6 And his heart was ||lift vp in the wayes of the LORD: ||*That is, was encouraged.*

7 ¶ Also in the third yeere of his reigne, hee sent to his princes, *euen* to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Iudah:

8 And with them *hee sent* Leuites, *euen* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Iehonathan, and Adoniah, and Tobiah, and Tobadoniah, Leuites: and with them, Elishama and Iehoram, Priests.

9 And they taught in Iudah, and *had* the book of the Law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Iudah, and taught the people.

10 ¶ And

† *Heb. was.* 10 ¶ And the feare of the LORD † fell vpon all the kingdomes of the lands that *were* round about Iudah, so that they made no warre against Iehoshaphat.

11 Also *some* of the Philistines brought Iehoshaphat presents, and tribute siluer, and the Arabians brought him flocks, seuen thousand and seuen hundred rammes, and seuen thousand and seuen hundred he goats.

¶ *Or,
palaces*

12 ¶ And Iehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly, and he built in Iudah ¶ castles, and cities of store.

13 And he had much businesse in the cities of Iudah: and the men of warre, mightie men of valour, *were* in Ierusalem.

14 And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Iudah, the capitaines of thousands, Adnah the chiefe, and with him mighty men of valour, three hundred thousand.

† *Heb. at
his hand.*

15 And † next to him *was* Iehohanan the capitaine, and with him two hundred and fourescore thousand.

16 And next him was Amasiah the sonne of Zichri, who willingly offered himselfe vnto the LORD, and with him two hundred thousand mightie men of valour.

17 And of Benjamin, Eliada a mightie man of valour, and with him, armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.

18 And next him *was* Iehoshabad, and with him an hundred and foure score thousand, ready prepared for the warre.

19 These waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Iudah.

CHAP. XVIII.

1 Iehoshaphat ioyned in affinitie with Ahab, is perswaded to goe with him against Ramoth Gilead. 4 Ahab seduced by false prophets, according to the worde of Micaiah is slaine there.

NOW Iehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and ioyned affinitie with Ahab.

* 1. King.
22 2.
† *Heb. at
the end of
yeeres.*

2 * And † after *certaine* yeeres, he went downe to Ahab to Samaria: and Ahab killed sheepe and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that he had with him, and perswa-

ded him to goe vp with him to Ramoth Gilead.

3 And Ahab king of Israel said vnto Iehoshaphat king of Iudah, Wilt thou goe with me to Ramoth Gilead? And he answered him, *I am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people, and *we will be* with thee in the warre.

4 ¶ And Iehoshaphat saide vnto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets foure hundred men, and said vnto them, Shal we goe to Ramoth Gilead to battel, or shal I forbear? And they said, Goe vp, for God will deliuer *it* into the kings hand.

6 But Iehoshaphat saide, *Is* there not here a Prophet of the LORD † besides, that we might enquire of him?

† *Heb. yet
or more.*

7 And the king of Israel said vnto Iehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him, for he neuer prophesied good vnto me, but alwayes euill: the same *is* Micaiah the sonne of Iimla. And Iehoshaphat saide, Let not the king say so.

8 And the king of Israel called for one of his || officers, and saide, † Fetch quickly Micaiah the sonne of Iimla.

|| *Or, Eumiches.*

9 And the king of Israel and Iehoshaphat king of Iudah sate, either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sate in a || voide place at the entring in of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets prophesied before them.

† *Heb.
hasten*

|| *Or, floore.*

10 And Zedekiah the sonne of Chenaanah, had made him hornes of yron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria, vntil † they be consumed.

† *Hebr.*

11 And all the prophets prophesied so, sayiug, Goe vp to Ramoth Gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliuer *it* into the hand of the king.

thou consume them.

12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah, spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king † with one assent: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speake thou good.

† *Heb. with
one mouth.*

13 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liueth, euen what my God saith, that will I speake.

14 And when hee was come to the king, the king sayd vnto him, Micaiah, shall we goe to Ramoth Gilead to battell,

tell, or shall I fobreare? and he sayd, Goe yee vp, and prosper, and they shall be deliuered into your hand.

15 And the king sayd to him, Howe many times shall I adiure thee, that thou say nothing but the truth to me, in the name of the LORD?

16 Then he sayd, I did see all Israel scattered vpon the mountaines, as sheepe that haue no shepheard: and the LORD sayd, These haue no master, let them returne *therefore*, euery man to his house in peace.

17 (And the king of Israel sayd to Iehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee, *that* hee would not prophesie good vnto mee, || but euill?)

18 Againe he sayd; Therefore heare the word of the LORD: I sawe the LORD sitting vpon his throne, and all the hoste of heauen standing on his right hand, and *on* his left.

19 And the LORD sayd, Who shall entise Ahab king of Israel, that hee may goe vp and fall at Ramoth Gilead? And one spake, saying after this maner, and another saying after that maner.

* Iob. i. 6. 20 Then there came out a *spirit, and stood before the LORD, and sayd, I will entise him. And the LORD sayd vnto him, Wherewith?

21 And hee sayd, I will goe out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the LORD sayd, Thou shalt entise *him*, and thou shalt also preuaile: goe out, and doe *euen* so.

22 Nowe therefore behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken euill against thee.

23 Then Zedekiah the sonne of Chenaanah, came neere, and smote Micaiah vpon the cheeke, and sayd, Which way went the spirit of the LORD from mee, to speake vnto thee?

24 And Micaiah sayd, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt goe || into an inner chamber to hide thy selfe.

25 Then the king of Israel sayd, Take yee Micaiah, and carie him backe to Amon the gouernour of the citie, and to Ioash the kings sonne:

26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feede him with bread of affliction, and with water of affliction, vntill I returne in peace.

27 And Micaiah sayd, If thou certainly returne in peace, then hath not the LORD spoken by mee. And hee sayd, Hearken all yee people.

28 So the king of Israel, and Iehoshaphat the king of Iudah, went vp to Ramoth Gilead.

29 And the king of Israel sayd vnto Iehoshaphat, I will disguise my selfe, and will goe to the battell, but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himselfe, and they went to the battell.

30 Now the king of Syria had commaunded the captaines of the charets that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, saue onely with the king of Israel.

31 And it came to passe when the captaines of the charets saw Iehoshaphat, that they sayd, It is the king of Israel: therefore they compassed about him to fight. But Iehoshaphat cryed out, and the LORD helped him, and God moued them *to depart* from him.

32 For it came to passe, that when the captaines of the charets perceiued that it was not the king of Israel, they turned backe againe ^{† Heb. from after him.} † from pursuing him.

33 And a certaine man drew a bowe † at a venture, and smote the king of Israel † betweene the ioints of the harnesse: therefore hee sayd to his charet-man, Turne thine hand, that thou mayest carie me out of the hoste, for I am † wounded. ^{† Heb. in his simplicitie.}

34 And the battell increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himselfe* vp in his charet against the Syrians, vntill the Euen: and about the time of the sunne going downe, hee dyed. ^{† Heb. betweene the ioints and betweene the brest-plate.}

^{† Heb. made sicke.}

CHAP. XIX.

1 Iehoshaphat, reproveth by Iehu, visiteth his kingdome. 5 His instructions to the Iudges, 8 To the Priests and Leuites.

AND Iehoshaphat the king of Iudah returned to his house in peace to Ierusalem.

2 And Iehu the sonne of Hanani the seer, went out to meete him, and sayd to king Iehoshaphat, Shouldest thou helpe the vngodly, and loue them that hate the LORD? Therefore *is* wrath vpon thee from before the LORD.

3 Neuerthelesse,

*Chap. 17. 3 Neuerthelesse, there *are good things found in thee, in
4, 6. that thou hast taken away the groues out of the land, and
hast prepared thine heart to seeke God.

†Heb. he
returned
and went
out. 4 And Iehoshaphat dwelt at Ierusalem: and †hee went
out againe through the people, from Beer-sheba to mount
Ephraim, and brought them backe vnto the LORD God of
their fathers.

5 ¶ And he set Iudges in the land, throughout all the
fenced cities of Iudah, city by city,

6 And said to the Iudges, Take heed what ye doe: for yee
iudge not for man, but for the LORD, who is with you †in
the iudgement.

†Hebr. in
the matter
of iudge-
ment. 7 Wherefore now, let the feare of the LORD be vpon you,
*Deut. 10. take heed and doe it: for *there is* no *iniquitie with the
17. iob 34. LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

19. act. 10. 8 ¶ Moreouer in Ierusalem did Iehoshaphat set of the
34. rom. 2. Leuites, and of the Priests, and of the chiefe of the fathers of
11. Col. 2. Israel, for the iudgement of the LORD, and for controuersies,
6. 1. pet. 1. when they returned to Ierusalem.
17.

9 And hee charged them, saying, Thus shall yee doe in the
feare of the LORD faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cause soeuer shal come to you of your
brethren that dwell in their cities, betweene blood and blood,
betweene Law and Commandement, Statutes and Iudge-
ments, yee shall euen warne them that they trespasse not
against the LORD, and so wrath come vpon you, and vpon
your brethren: this doe, & ye shall not trespasse.

11 And behold, Amariah the chiefe Priest *is* ouer you in
all matters of the LORD, and Zebadiah the sonne of Ishmael,
the ruler of the house of Iudah, for all the Kings matters:

†Hebr. take
courage
and doe. Also the Leuites *shall be* officers before you. †Deale
courageously, and the LORD shalbe with the good.

CHAP. XX.

1 Iehoshaphat, in his feare proclaimeth a fast. 5 His prayer. 14 The
prophesie of Iahaziel. 20 Iehoshaphat exhorteth the people, and
setteth singers to praise the Lord. 22 The great ouerthrow of the
enemies. 26 The people hauing blessed God at Berachah, re-

turne in triumph. 31 Iehoshaphats reigne. 35 His conuoy of ships, which he made with Ahaziah, according to the prophesie of Eliezer, vnhappyly perished.

IT came to passe after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them, *other* beside the Ammonites, came against Iehoshaphat to battell.

2 Then there came some that tolde Iehoshaphat, saying, There commeth a great multitude against thee from beyond the Sea on this side Syria, and behold, they *bee* in Hazazon-Tamar, which *is* En-gedi.

3 And Iehoshaphat feared, and set †himselfe to seeke the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Iudah. † *Hebr. his face.*

4 And Iudah gathered themselues together, to aske *helpe* of the LORD: euen out of all the cities of Iudah they came to seeke the LORD.

5 ¶ And Iehoshaphat stood in the Congregation of Iudah and Ierusalem, in the house of the LORD before the new Court,

6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heauen? and rulest not thou ouer all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is *there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

7 Art not thou our God, †who didst driue out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gauest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for euer? † *Heb. thou.*

8 And they dwelt therein, and haue built thee a Sanctuarie therein for thy Name, saying,

9 *If, when euill commeth vpon vs, as the sword, iudgement, or pestilence, or famine, wee stand before this house, and in thy presence (for thy Name *is* in this house) and cry vnto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt heare & helpe. * Chap. 6.
28. 1. king.
8. 37.

10 And now behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, whom thou *wouldest not let Israel inuade, * Deut. 2.
9. when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not:

11 Beholde, *I say*, how they reward vs, to come to cast vs out of thy possession, which thou hast giuen vs to inherit.

12 O our God, wilt thou not iudge them? for wee haue
no might against
this

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this great company that commeth against vs? neither know wee what to doe; but our eyes *are* vpon thee.

13 And all Iudah stood before the LORD, with their litle ones, their wiues and their children.

14 ¶ Then vpon Iahaziel the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of Benaiah, the sonne of Iehiel, the sonne of Mattaniah, a Leuite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the Congregation:

15 And he said, Hearken yee, all Iudah, and ye inhabitants of Ierusalem, and thou king Iehoshaphat, Thus sayth the LORD vnto you; Be not afraid, nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battell *is* not yours, but Gods.

† Heb. as-
cent.
|| Or,
valley.

16 To morrow goe ye downe against them: behold, they come vp by the †cliffe of Ziz, and ye shall finde them at the end of the ||brooke, before the wilderness of Ieruel.

17 Yee shall not *need*e to fight in this *battell*; set your selues, stand yee *still*, and see the saluation of the LORD with you, O Iudah and Ierusalem: feare not, nor be dismayed; to morow goe out against them, for the LORD *will bee* with you.

18 And Iehoshaphat bowed his head, with his face to the ground: and all Iudah, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem, fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.

19 And the Leuites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood vp to praise the LORD God of Israel, with a loude voice on high.

20 ¶ And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Iehoshaphat stood and said, Heare me, O Iudah, and yee inhabitants of Ierusalem; * Beleeue in the LORD your God, so shall you be established; beleeue his Prophets, so shall yee prosper.

† Heb.
praisers.

† Heb. and
in the time
that they,
&c.

† Heb. in
singing
and praise.

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed Singers vnto the LORD, and †that should praise the beautie of holinesse, as they went out before the armie; and to say, Praise the LORD, for his mercy *endureth* for euer.

22 ¶ † And when they beganne † to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which

were come against Iudah, and ||they were smitten.

|| Or, they
smote one
another.

23 For the children of Ammon and Moab, stood vp against the inhabitants of mount Seir, vtterly to slay and destroy *them*: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, euery one helped † to destroy another.

† Heb. for
the destru-
ction.

24 And when Iudah came toward the watch-tower in the wilderness, they looked vnto the multitude, and behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth, and † none escaped.

† Heb. there
was not an
escaping.

25 And when Iehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoile of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious iewels (which they stript off for themselues) more then they could cary away: and they were three dayes in gathering of the spoile, it was so much.

26 ¶ And on the fourth day they assembled themselues in the valley of ||Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: || *That is,* therfore the name of the same place was called the valley of Berachah vnto this day. *blessing.*

27 Then they returned, euery man of Iudah and Ierusalem, and Iehoshaphat in the † forefront of them, to go againe to Ierusalem with ioy: for the LORD had made them to reioyce ouer their enemies. *† Heb. head.*

28 And they came to Ierusalem with Psalteries, and harpes, and trumpets, vnto the house of the LORD.

29 And the feare of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countreys, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

30 So the Realme of Iehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gaue him rest round about.

31 ¶ * And Iehoshaphat reigned ouer Iudah: Hee *was* * 1. King. thirtie and fve yeeres olde when hee began to reigne, and 22. 41, &c. he reigned twentie and fve yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name *was* Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.

32 And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD.

33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts vnto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the actes of Iehoshaphat

† *Heb.*
words.
 * 1. Kings
 16. 1.
 † *Heb. was*
made to as-
cend.

hoshaphat first and last, behold, they are written in the † booke of Iehu the sonne of Hanani; * who † is mentioned in the booke of the Kings of Israel.

35 ¶ And after this did Iehoshaphat king of Iudah ioine himselfe with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:

36 And he ioyned himselfe with him to make ships to goe to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-Geber.

37 Then Eliezer the sonne of Dodauah of Mareshah, prophesied against Iehoshaphat, saying; Because thou hast ioyned thy selfe with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy workes: and the ships were broken, that they were not able to goe to Tarshish.

CHAP. XXI.

1 Iehoram succeeding Iehoshaphat, slayeth his brethren. 5 His wicked reigne. 8 Edom and Libnah reuolt. 12 The prophecie of Eliiah against him in writing. 16 Philistines and Arabians oppresse him. 18 His incurable disease, infamous death, and buriall.

* 1. King.
 22. 50.

NOW * Iehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the citie of Dauid: and Iehoram his sonne reigned in his stead.

2 And he *had* brethren the sonnes of Iehoshaphat, Azariah, and Iehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: All these *were* the sonnes of Iehoshaphat king of Israel.

3 And their father gaue them great giftes of siluer and of golde, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Iudah: but the kingdome gaue hee to Iehoram, because he *was* the first borne.

* 2. King.
 8. 16, 17.

4 Now * when Iehoram was risen vp to the kingdome of his father, he strengthened himselfe, and slew all his brethren with the sword, and *diuers* also of the Princes of Israel.

5 ¶ Iehoram *was* thirtie and two yeeres olde when hee began to reigne, and hee reigned eight yeeres in Ierusalem.

* Cha. 22.
 2.

6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for hee had the daughter of * Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which *was* euill in the eyes of the LORD.

7 Howbeit the LORD would not

destroy the house of Dauid, because of the couenant that hee had made with Dauid, and as hee promised, to giue a †light to him and to his *sons for euer.

† *Heb.*
lamp, or
candle.

8 ¶ In his dayes the Edomites reuolted from vnder the †dominion of Iudah, and made themselues a king.

* 2. Sam.
8. 1. king.

9 Then Iehoram *went forth with his Princes, and all his charets with him: and he rose vp by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captaines of the charets.

11. 36.
2. king. 8.
19. psal.
132. 11,
&c.

10 So the Edomites reuolted from vnder the hand of Iudah vnto this day. The same time also did Libnah reuolt from vnder his hand, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

† *Heb.*
hand.
* 2. King.
8. 21.

11 Moreouer, he made high places in the mountaines of Iudah, and caused the inhabitants of Ierusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Iudah *thereto*.

12 ¶ And there came a writing to him from Eliiah the Prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Dauid thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the wayes of Iehoshaphat thy father, nor in the wayes of Asa king of Iudah:

13 But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Iudah and the inhabitants of Ierusalem to goe a whoring, like to the whoredomes of the house of Ahab, and also hast slaine thy brethren of thy fathers house, which were better then thy selfe:

14 Behold, with a †great plague wil the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wiues, and all thy goods.

† *Heb. a*
great
stroke.

15 And thou *shalt haue* great sicknesse by disease of thy bowels, vntil thy bowels fall out, by reason of the sicknesse day by day.

16 ¶ Moreouer, the LORD stirred vp against Iehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* neere the Ethiopians.

17 And they came vp into Iudah, and brake into it, and †caried away all the substance that was found in the kings house, and his sonnes also and his wiues; so that there was neuer a sonne left him, saue ||Iehoahaz, the yongest of his sonnes.

† *Heb.*
caried cap-
tive.
|| *Or, Aha-*
ziah, chap.
22. 1. or,
Azariah,
ver. 6.

18 ¶ And after all this, the LORD smote him in his bowels, with an incurable disease.

19 And it came to passe, that in processe of time, after the end of two yeres, his bowels fell out by reason of his sicknesse: so hee dyed of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers.

20 Thirtie and two yeeres old was he when he began to reigne, and he reigned in Ierusalem eight yeeres, and departed †without being desired: howbeit, they buried him in the citie of Dauid, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

† *Heb.*
without
desire.

CHAP. XXII.

1 Ahaziah succeeding, reigneth wickedly. 5 In his confederacie with Ioram the sonne of Ahab, he is slaine by Iehu. 10 Athaliah destroying all the seed royall, saue Ioash, whō Iehoshabeath his aunt hid, usurpeth the kingdom.

* 2. King.
8. 24, &c.

And *the inhabitants of Ierusalem made Ahaziah his yongest sonne, king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the campe, had slaine all the *eldest. So Ahaziah the sonne of Iehoram king of Iudah reigned.

* Chap. 21.
17.

2 Fourtie and two yeeres old was Ahaziah, when he began to reigne, and he reigned one yeere in Ierusalem: his mothers name also was *Athaliah the daughter of Omri.

* Chap. 21.
6

3 Hee also walked in the wayes of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to doe wickedly.

4 Wherefore he did euill in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father, to his destruction.

† *Heb.*
wherewith
they
wounded
him.

5 ¶ He walked also after their counsell, and went with Iehoram the sonne of Ahab king of Israel, to warre against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead: and the Syrians smote Ioram.

|| *Otherwise*
called Aha-
ziah, ver.
1. & Ie-
hoahaz
chap. 21.
17.

6 And he returned to bee healed in Iezreel, because of the wounds †which were giuen him at Ramah when hee fought with Hazael king of Syria. And ||Azariah the sonne of Iehoram king of Iudah, went downe to see Iehoram the sonne of Ahab at Iezreel, because he was sicke.

† *Hebr.*
treading
downe.
* 2. King.
9. 7.

7 And †the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by comming to Ioram: For when he was come, hee went out with Iehoram against Iehu the sonne of Nimshi, *whome the LORD had

anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.

8 And it came to passe, that when Iehu was executing iudgement vpon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Iudah, and the sonnes of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministred to Ahaziah, he slew them.

9 *And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him (for he ^{*2. Kings} was hid in Samaria) and brought him to Iehu: and when ^{9. 27.} they had slaine him, they buried him: because, said they, hee *is* the sonne of Iehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah *had* no power to keepe still the kingdome.

10 ¶ *But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah, sawe ^{*2. Kings} that her sonne was dead, shee arose, and destroyed all the ^{11. 1.} seed royall of the house of Iudah.

11 But Iehoshabeath the daughter of the king, tooke Ioash the sonne of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the kings sonnes, that were slaine, and put him and his nurse in a bed chamber. So Iehoshabeath the daughter of king Iehoram, the wife of Iehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not.

12 And he was with them hid in the house of God sixe yeeres, and Athaliah reigned ouer the land.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Iehoiada hauing set things in order, maketh Ioash king. 12 Athaliah is slaine. 16 Iehoiada restoreth the worship of God.

And *in the seuenth yeere Iehoiada strengthened himselfe, ^{*2. Kings} and tooke the captaines of hundreds, Azariah the sonne ^{11. 4, &c.} of Ieroham, and Ishmael the sonne of Iehohanan, and Azariah the sonne of Obed, and Maasiah the sonne of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the sonne of Zichri, into couenant with him.

2 And they went about in Iudah, and gathered the Leuites out of all the cities of Iudah, and the chiefe of [the fathers of Israel, and they came to Ierusalem.

3 And all the Congregation made a couenant with the king ^{11 12.} in the house of God: and he said vnto them, Beholde, the ^{1. kings 2.} kings sonne shall reigne, as the LORD hath ^{4. and 9. 5} said of the ^{2. chr. 6.} sonnes of Dauid. ^{16. and 7.}

4 This ^{18.}

4 This *is* the thing that yee shall doe, A third part of you entring on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Leuites, ^{†Hebr. thresholds.} *shalbe* porters of the †doores.

5 And a thirde part shall bee at the kings house, and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people *shall be* in the Courts of the house of the LORD.

6 But let none come into the house of the LORD, saue the Priests, & they that minister of the Leuites, they shall go in, for they *are* holy: but all the people shall keepe the watch of the LORD.

7 And the Leuites shall compasse the king round about, euery man with his weapons in his hand, and whosoever else commeth into the house, hee shalbe put to death: but be you with the King when he commeth in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Leuites and all Iudah did according to all things that Iehoiada the Priest had commanded: and tooke euery man his men that were to come in on the Sabbath, with them that were to goe *out* on the Sabbath: for Iehoiada the Priest dismissed not the courses.

9 Moreouer, Iehoiada the Priest deliuered to the captaines of hundreds, speares and bucklers, and shields, that had bene King Dauids, which *were* in the house of God.

10 And hee set all the people (euery man hauing his weapon in his hand) from the right †side of the †Temple, to the left side of the Temple, along by the Altar and the Temple, by the King, round about. ^{†Hebr. shoulder.} ^{†Hebr. house.}

11 Then they brought out the kings sonne, and put vpon him the Crowne, and ^{*Deut. 17. 18.} **gaue him* the Testimony, and made him King: and Iehoiada and his sonnés anointed him, and said, †God saue the King. ^{†Hebr. Let the King liue.}

12 ¶ Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the King; she came to the people into the house of the LORD.

13 And she looked, and behold, the king stood at his pillar, at the entring in, and the Princes, and the trumpets by the King: and all the people of the land reioyced, and sounded with trumpets; also the singers with instruments of musicke; and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, †Treason, treason. ^{†Hebr. conspiracie.}

14 Then Iehoiada the Priest brought out the captaines of hundreds, that were set ouer the host, and said vnto them, Haue her foorth of the ranges: and who so followeth her, let him bee slaine with the sword. For the Priest said; Slay her not in the house of the LORD.

15 So they layd handes on her, and when shee was come to the entring of the horse gate, by the kings house, they slew her there.

16 ¶ And Iehoiada made a couenant betweene him, and betweene all the people, and betweene the king, that they should be the LORDS people.

17 Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it downe, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew *Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. * Deut. 13.

18 Also Iehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD by the hand of the Priests the Leuites, whom Dauid had *distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the *Law of Moses, with reioycing and with singing, *as it was ordeined* † by Dauid. 13. 9.
* 1. Chro.
24. 1.
* Num. 28.
2.

19 And he set the *porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none which was vnclane in any thing, should enter in. † Hebr. by
the hands
of Dauid.
* 1. Chro.

20 And hee tooke the captaines of hundreds, and the nobles, and the gouernours of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought downe the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into the kings house, and set the king vpon the throne of the kingdome. 26. 1. &c.

21 And all the people of the land reioyced, and the city was quiet, after that they had slaine Athaliah wth the sword.

CHAP. XXIII.

1 Ioash reigneth well, all the dayes of Iehoiada. 4 Hee giueth order for the repaire of the Temple. 15 Iehoiada, his death and honourable buriall. 17 Ioash falling to idolatrie, slaieth Zechariah the sonne of Iehoiada. 23 Ioash is spoiled by the Syrians, and slaine by Zabad and Iehozabad. 27 Amaziah succeedeth him.

IOash *was seuen yeeres old when he beganne to reigne; *2. Kin. and he reigned fortie yeeres in Ierusalem: his mothers 12. 1. &c.
name also

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was

was Zibiah, of Beer-sheba.

2 And Ioash did that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD, all the dayes of Iehoiada the Priest.

3 And Iehoiada tooke for him two wiues, and he begat sonnes and daughters.

† *Heb. to
renew.*

4 ¶ And it came to passe after this that Ioash was minded † to reape the house of the LORD.

5 And hee gathered together the priests and the Leuites, and saide to them, Go out vnto the cities of Iudah, and gather of all Israel money to reape the house of your God from yeere to yeere, and see that ye haste the matter: howbeit the Leuites hastened *it* not.

* Exod. 30.
12, 13, 14.

6 And the king called for Iehoiada the chiefe, and saide vnto him, Why hast thou not required of the Leuites to bring in out of Iudah and out of Ierusalem, the collection, *according to the commandement* of * Moses the seruant of the LORD, and of the Congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of Witnesse?

7 For the sonnes of Athaliah that wicked woman, had broken vp the house of God, and also all the dedicate things of the house of the LORD, did they bestow vpon Baalim.

8 And at the kings commandement they made a chest, and set it without, at the gate of the house of the LORD.

† *Hebr. a
voice.*

9 And they made † a proclamation through Iudah & Ierusalem, to bring in to the LORD, the collection that Moses the seruant of God *laid* vpon Israel in the wilderness.

10 And all the Princes and all the people reioyced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, vntill they had made an ende.

11 Now it came to passe that at what time the chest was brought vnto the kings office, by the hand of the Leuites: and when they sawe that *there was* much money: the kings Scribe, and the high priests officer, came and emptied the chest, and tooke it, and caried it to his place againe. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance.

12 And the king and Iehoiada gaue it to such as did the worke of the seruice of the house of the LORD, and hired Masons and carpenters to reape the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought yron and brasse to mend the house of the LORD.

13 So the workemen wrought, and

† the worke was perfected by them: and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it. † *Hebr. the healing went vp vpon the worke.*

14 And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Iehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, euen vessels to minister and to ||offer withall, and spoones, and vessels of golde and || Or, siluer: and they offered burnt offerings in the house of the *pestils.* LORD continually, all the dayes of Iehoiada.

15 ¶ But Iehoiada waxed old, and was full of dayes when hee died: an hundred and thirtie yeeres olde *was hee* when hee died.

16 And they buried him in the citie of Dauid among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both towards God, and towards his house.

17 Now after the death of Iehoiada, came the Princes of Iudah, and made obeysance to the king: then the king hearkened vnto them.

18 And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and serued groues and idols: and wrath came vpon Iudah and Ierusalem for this their trespasse.

19 Yet hee sent prophets to them to bring them againe vnto the LORD, and they testified against them: but they would not giue eare.

20 And the spirit of God † came vpon Zechariah the sonne of Iehoiada the priest, which stood aboue the people, and said vnto them: Thus saith God, Why transgresse yee the commandements of the LORD, that yee cannot prosper? because yee haue forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. † *Heb. clothed.*

21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandement of the king, in the court of the house of the LORD.

22 Thus Ioash the king remembred not the kindnesse which Iehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his sonne: and when he died, he said, The LORD looke vpon *it*, and require *it*.

23 ¶ And it came to passe † at the end of the yeere, that the hoste of Syria came vp against him: and they came to Iudah and Ierusalem, and destroyed all the Princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoile of them vnto the king of † Damascus. † *Heb. in the reuolution of the yeere.*

24 For the armie of the Syrians † *Heb. Darmesek.*
came

came with a small companie of men, and the LORD deliuered a very great hoste into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers: so they executed iudgement against Ioash.

25 And when they were departed from him (for they left him in great diseases) his owne seruants conspired against him, for the blood of the sonnes of Iehoiada the Priest, and slewe him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the citie of Dauid, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the Kings.

|| Or, Iozachar,
2. king 12.

26 And these are they that conspired against him; ||Zabad the sonne of Shimeah an Ammonitess, and Iehozabad the sonne of ||Shimrith a Moabitesse.

21.
|| Or, Shomer.

† Heb.

founding.
|| Or, Com-
mentarie.

27 ¶ Now concerning his sonnes, and the greatnesse of the burdens laide vpon him, and the †repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the ||story of the booke of the Kings. And Amaziah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXV.

1 Amaziah beginneth to reigne well. 3 Hee executeth iustice on the traitours. 5 Hauing hired an armie of Israelites against the Edomites, at the word of a Prophet, he loseth the hundred talents, and dismisseth them. 11 He ouerthroweth the Edomites. 10. 13 The Israelites discontented with their dismission, spoile as they returne home. 14 Amaziah proud of his victory, serueth the gods of Edom, and despiseth the admonitions of the Prophet. 17 Hee prouoketh Ioash to his ouerthrow. 25 His reigne. 27 Hee is slaine by conspiracie.

* 2. King.
14. 1, &c.

AMaziah **was* twentie and fve yeeres olde when hee began to reigne, and hee reigned twentie and nine yeeres in Ierusalem, and his mothers name *was* Iehoadan of Ierusalem.

2 And hee did that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfite heart.

† Heb. confirmed
vpon him.

3 ¶ Now it came to passe when the kingdome was †established to him, that he slew his seruants, that had killed the king his father.

4 But hee slewe not their children, but *did* as it *is* written in the Law in the booke of Moses, where the LORD

commanded, saying, *The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers; but every man shall die for his owne sinne.

*Deut. 24.
16. 2 king.
14. 6. iere.
31. 30.
ezek. 18.
20.

5 ¶ Moreouer, Amaziah gathered Iudah together, and made them Captaines ouer thousands, and captaines ouer hundreds, according to the houses of their fathers, throughout all Iudah and Benjamin: And he numbred them from twentie yeeres olde and aboue, and found them three hundred thousand choice men, *able* to goe foorth to warre, that could handle speare and shield.

6 Hee hired also an hundred thousand mightie men of valour, out of Israel, for an hundred talents of siluer.

7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the armie of Israel goe with thee: for the LORD *is* not with Israel, *to wit*, with all the children of Ephraim.

8 But if thou wilt goe, doe *it*, bee strong for the battell: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to helpe, and to cast downe.

9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall wee doe for the hundred talents which I haue giuen to the †armie of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to giue thee much more then this.

† Heb.
band.

10 Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the armie that was come to him out of Ephraim, to goe †home againe. Wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Iudah, and they returned home in †great anger.

† Heb- to
their place.

11 ¶ And Amaziah strengthened himselfe, and ledde foorth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir, ten thousand.

† Heb. in
heat of an-
ger.

12 And *other* ten thousand *left* aliue, did the children of Iudah cary away captiue, and brought them vnto the top of the rocke, and cast them downe from the top of the rocke, that they all were broken in pieces.

13 ¶ But the †souldiers of the army which Amaziah sent backe, that they should not goe with him to battell, fell vpon the cities of Iudah, from Samaria euen vnto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoile.

† Heb. the
sonnes of
the band.

14 ¶ Now it came to passe, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that hee brought

brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them vp to be his gods, and bowed down himselfe before them, and burned incense vnto them.

15 Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and hee sent vnto him a Prophet, which said vnto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliuer their owne people out of thine hand?

16 And it came to passe as hee talked with him, that *the king* said vnto him, Art thou made of the Kings counsell? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the Prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath †determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened vnto my counsell.

† *Heb.*
counselled.

17 ¶ Then Amaziah king of Iudah tooke aduice, and sent to Ioash the sonne of Iehoahaz the sonne of Iehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let vs see one another in the face.

* 2. King.
14. 8, 9.
|| *Or, furre*
bush, or
thorne.
† *Hebr. a*
beast of the
field.

18 * And Ioash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Iudah, saying, The ||thistle that *was* in Lebanon, sent to the Cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Giue thy daughter to my sonne to wife: and there passed by a †wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode downe the thistle.

19 Thou sayest, Loe, thou hast smitten the Edomites, and thine heart lifteth thee vp to boast. Abide now at home, why shouldest thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *euē* thou, and Iudah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not heare: for it *came* of God, that he might deliuer them into the hand *of their enemies*, because they sought after the gods of Edom.

21 So Ioash the King of Israel went vp, and they saw one another in the face, *both* hee and Amaziah King of Iudah at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Iudah.

† *Hebr.*
smitten.

22 And Iudah was †put to the worse before Israel, and they fled euery man to his tent.

23 And Ioash the king of Israel tooke Amaziah king of Iudah the son of Ioash, the son of Ioahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Ierusalem, and brake downe the wall of Ierusalem, from the gate of Ephraim to †the corner gate, foure hundred cubits.

† *Hebr. the*
gate of it
that
looketh.

24 And *hee tooke* all the gold and the siluer, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-Edom, and the treasures of the kings house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 ¶ And Amaziah the sonne of Ioash King of Iudah liued after the death of Ioash sonne of Iehoahaz king of Israel, fiftene yeeres.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, *are* they not written in the booke of the Kings of Iudah and Israel? † *Heb. from after.*

27 ¶ Now after the time that Amaziah did turne away † *Hebr. conspired a con-*
† from following the LORD, they † made a conspiracie against him in Ierusalem, and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there. *spiracie. † That is, the citie of David, as it is*

28 And they brought him vpon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the citie of ‖ Iudah. *2. king. 14. 20.*

CHAP. XXVI.

1 Vziah succeeding, and reigning well in the dayes of Zechariah, prospereth. 16 Waxing proud, he inuadeth the Priests office, and is smitten with leprosie. 22 Hee dieth, and Iotham succeedeth him.

THen all the people of Iudah *tooke ‖ Vziah, who *was* * 2. King. 14. 21. and made him King in the roome of his father Amaziah. 15. 1. ‖ Or, Azariah.

2 Hee built Eloth, and restored it to Iudah: after that the King slept with his fathers.

3 Sixteene yeeres old *was* Vziah, when he began to reigne, and he reigned fiftie and two yeeres in Ierusalem: his mothers name also *was* Iecoliah of Ierusalem.

4 And hee did that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did.

5 And hee sought God in the dayes of Zechariah, who had vnderstanding † in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper. † *Hebr. in the seeing of God.*

6 And hee went foorth and warred against the Philistines, & brake downe the wall of Gath, and the wall of Iabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities ‖ about Ashdod, and among the Philistines. ‖ Or, in the countrey of Ashdod.

7 And

7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians, that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Meahunims.

† Heb.
went.

8 And the Ammonites gaue gifts to Vzziah, and his name †spread abroad euen to the entring in of Egypt: for hee strengthened himselfe exceedingly.

¶ Or, repai-
red.

¶ Or, cut
out many
cisternes.

¶ Or, fruit-
full fields.

† Heb.
ground.

9 Moreouer Vzziah built towers in Ierusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall*, and ||fortified them.

10 Also he built towers in the desert, and ||dugged many welles, for hee had much cattell, both in the low countrey, and in the plaines: husbandmen *also*, and vine dressers in the mountaines, and in ||Carmel: for hee loued †husbandrie.

11 Moreouer, Vzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to warre by bands, according to the number of their account, by the hand of Ieiel the Scribe, and Maasiah the ruler, vnder the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the kings captaines.

12 The whole number of the chiefe of the fathers of the mightie men of valour, *were* two thousand and sixe hundred.

† Hebr. the
power of an
armie.

13 And vnder their hand *was* †an armie, three hundred thousand, and seuen thousand, and fiue hundred, that made warre with mightie power, to helpe the king against the enemye.

† Heb.
stones of
slings.

14 And Vzziah prepared for them throughout all the hoste, shields, and speares, and helmets, and habergions, and bowes, and †slings *to cast* stones.

† Heb. went
foorth.

15 And hee made in Ierusalem engines inuented by cunning men, to bee on the towers, & vpon the bulwarks, to shoote arrowes and great stones withall: and his name †spread farre abroad, for he was marueilously helped, till he was strong.

16 ¶ But when he was strong, his heart was lifted vp to *his* destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD, to burne incense vpon the altar of incense.

17 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourescore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men.

18 And they withstood Vzziah the king, and said vnto him, It *pertaineth not vnto thee, Vzziah, to burne incense

* Num. 18.

vnto the LORD, but to the *priestes the sonnes of Aaron, that ^{*Exo. 30. 7} are consecrated to burne incense. Goe out of the Sanctuarie; for thou hast trespassed, neither shall it *be* for thine honour from the LORD God.

19 Then Vzziah was wroth, and *had* a censer in his hand, to burne incense, and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosie euen rose vp in his forehead, before the priests, in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.

20 And Azariah the chiefe priest, and all the priests looked vpon him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence, yea himselve ^{*As Ester 6 12.} *hasted also to goe out, because the LORD had smitten him.

21 *And Vzziah the king was a leper vnto the day of his ^{*2. Kings 15. 5.} death, and dwelt in a *seuerall house being a leper, for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Iotham his ^{*Leuit. 13. 46.} sonne *was* ouer the kings house, iudging the people of the ^{†Heb. free.} land.

22 ¶ Now the rest of the actes of Vzziah first and last, did Isaiah the prophet the sonne of Amoz write.

23 So Vzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the buriall *which belonged* to the kings: for they saide, He *is* a leper: And Iotham his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVII.

1 Iotham reigning well, prospereth. 5 He subdueth the Ammonites.
7 His reigne. 9 Ahaz succeedeth him.

I Otham ^{*2. Kings 15. 32.} *was twenty and fve yeeres olde, when hee began to reigne, and hee reigned sixteene yeeres in Ierusalem: his mothers name also *was* Ierushah, the daughter of Zadok.

2 And he did that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Vzziah did: howbeit hee entred not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly.

3 He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of ||Ophel, he built much.

4 Moreouer hee built cities in the mountaines of Iudah, and in the forrests he built castles and towers.

|| Or, the tower.

5 ¶ He

5 ¶ He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and preuailed against them. And the children of Ammon gaue him the same yeere an hundred talents of siluer, and ten thousand measures of wheate, and tenne thousand of barley. † So much did the children of Ammon pay vnto him, both the second yeere, and the third.

† *Heb. much.*

¶ *Or, established.*

6 So Iotham became mightie, because he ¶ prepared his wayes before the LORD his God.

7 ¶ Now the rest of the actes of Iotham, and all his warres, and his wayes, lo, they are written in the booke of the Kings of Israel and Iudah.

8 Hee was fīue and twentie yeeres olde when he began to reigne, and reigned sixteene yeeres in Ierusalem.

9 ¶ And Iotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of Dauid: and Ahaz his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXVIII.

1 Ahaz reigning very wickedly, is greatly afflicted by the Syrians.

6 Iudah being captiuated by the Israelites, is sent home by the counsell of Oded the Prophet. 16 Ahaz sending for aide to Assyria, is not helped thereby. 22 In his distresse, he groweth more idolatrous. 26 He dying, Hezekiah succeedeth him.

* 2. King.
16. 2.

A^Haz * was twentie yeeres olde when hee beganne to reigne, and he reigned sixteene yeres in Ierusalem: but hee did not that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD, like Dauid his father.

2 For he walked in the wayes of the Kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim.

¶ *Or, offered sacrifice.*
* Leuit. 18.
21.

3 Moreouer, he ¶ burnt incense in the valley of the sonne of Hinnom, & burnt * his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen, whome the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

4 Hee sacrificed also, and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hils, and vnder euery greene tree.

5 Wherefore the LORD his God deliuered him into the hand of the king of Syria, and they smote him, and caried away a great multitude of them captiues, and brought them to † Damascus: And he was also deliuered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote

† *Heb. Darneseck.*

him wick a great slaughter.

6 ¶ For Pekah the sonne of Remaliah slew in Iudah an hundred & twentie thousand in one day, which were all † valiant men: because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. † Heb. sonnes of valour.

7 And Zichri a mightie man of Ephraim, slue Maaseiah the kings sonne, and Azrikam the gouernour of the house, and Elkanah that was † next to the King.

8 And the children of Israel caried away captiue of their brethren, two hundred thousand, women, sonnes and daughters, and tooke also away much spoile from them, and brought the spoile to Samaria. † Heb. the second to the King.

9 But a Prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded: and hee went out before the hoste that came to Samaria, and said vnto them, Behold, because the LORD God of your fathers was wroth with Iudah, he hath deliuered them into your hand, and yee haue slaine them in a rage *that* reacheth vp vnto heauen.

10 And now ye purpose to keepe vnder the children of Iudah and Ierusalem for bondmen, and bondwomen vnto you: *But* are there not with you, euen with you, sinnes against the LORD your God?

11 Now heare me therefore, and deliuer the captiues againe, which ye haue taken captiue of your brethren: for the fierce wrath of God *is* vpon you.

12 Then certeine of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the sonne of Iohanan, Berechiah the sonne of Meshillemoth, and Iehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the sonne of Hadlai, stood vp against them that came from the warre,

13 And said vnto them, Ye shall not bring in the captiues hither: for whereas wee haue offended against the LORD *already*, ye intend to adde more to our sinnes and to our trespasse: for our trespasse is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel.

14 So the armed men left the captiues, and the spoile before the Princes, and all the congregation.

15 And the men which were expressed by name, rose vp and tooke the captiues, aud with the spoile clothed all that were naked among them, and arayed them, and shod them, and gaue them to eate and to drinke, and anointed

ted them, and caried all the feeble of them vpon asses, and
 *Deut. 34. brought them to Iericho, *the city of palme-trees, to their
 3. brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

16 ¶ At that time did king Ahaz send vnto the kings of Assyria to helpe him.

17 For againe the Edomites had come and smitten Iudah, and caried away †captiues.
 †Hebr. a captiuitie.

18 The Philistines also had inuaded the cities of the low-countrie, and of the South of Iudah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Aialon, and Gederoth, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also, and the villages thereof: and they dwelt there.

19 For the LORD brought Iudah low, because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Iudah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.

20 And Tilgath-Pilneser king of Assyria came vnto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not.

21 For Ahaz tooke away a portion *out* of the house of the LORD, and *out* of the house of the King, and of the Princes, and gaue *it* vnto the King of Assyria: but he helped him not.

22 ¶ And in the time of this distresse did hee trespasse yet more against the LORD: This *is* that king Ahaz.

†Heb. Darmesek. 23 For he sacrificed vnto the gods of †Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria helpe them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may helpe me: but they were the ruine of him, and of all Israel.

24 And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut vp the doores of the house of the LORD, and hee made him altars in euery corner of Ierusalem.

25 And in euery seuerall city of Iudah hee made high places to ||burne incense vnto other gods, and prouoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.
 || Or, to offer.

26 ¶ Now the rest of his acts, and of all his wayes, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the booke of the kings of Iudah and Israel.

27 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the citie, euen in Ierusalem: but they brought

him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXIX.

1 Hezekiah his good reigne. 3 He restoreth Religion. 5 He exhorteth the Leuites. 12 They sanctifie themselves, and cleanse the house of God. 20 Hezekiah offereth solemne sacrifices, wherein the Leuites were more forward then the Priests.

H Ezekiah * began to reigne when hee *was* fve and ^{* 2. King.} ^{18. 1.} twentie yeeres old, and he reigned nine and twentie yeeres in Ierusalem: and his mothers name *was* Abiiah the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And hee did that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Dauid his father had done.

3 ¶ He, in the first yere of his reigne, in the first moneth, opened the doores of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.

4 And hee brought in the Priests, and the Leuites, and gathered them together into the East street,

5 And said vnto them, Heare me, ye Leuites, sanctifie now your selues, and sanctifie the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and cary foorth the filthinesse out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers haue trespassed, and done that which *was* euill in the eyes of the LORD our God, and haue forsaken him, and haue turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and † turned their backs.

7 Also they haue shut vp the doores of the Porch, and put out the lampes, and haue not burnt incense, nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place, vnto the God of Israel.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was vpon Iudah and Ierusalem, and he hath deliuered them to † trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as yee see with your eyes. <sup>† Hebr. gi-
uen the
necke.</sup> <sup>† Hebr.
commotion.</sup>

9 For loe, our fathers haue fallen by the sword, and our sonnes and our daughters, and our wiues, are in captiuitie for this.

10 Now *it is* in mine heart to make a couenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turne away from vs.

11 My sonnes, ¶ bee not now negli- <sup>|| Or, be not
now decei-
ued.</sup> gent:

* Num. 8. 14 and 18. 2, 6.
 || *Or, offer sacrifice.* gent: for the LORD hath *chosen you to stand before him, to serue him, and that you should minister vnto him, and ||burne incense.

12 ¶ Then the Leuites arose, Mahath the sonne of Amashai, and Ioel the sonne of Azariah, of the sonnes of the Kohathites: and of the sonnes of Merari, Kish the sonne of Abdi, and Azariah the sonne of Iahalelel: and of the Gershonites Ioah, the sonne of Zimmah, and Eden the sonne of Ioah:

13 And of the sonnes of Elizaphan, Shimri, and Iehiel: and of the sonnes of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah:

14 And of the sonnes of Heman, Iehiel, and Shimei: and of the sonnes of Ieduthun, Shemaiah and Vzziel.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came according to the commandement of the king, ||by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.
 || *Or, in the busines of the Lord.*

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the vncleannes that they found in the temple of the LORD, into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Leuites tooke *it*, to carie *it* out abroad into the brooke Kidron.

17 Now they began on the first *day* of the first moneth to sanctifie, and on the eight day of the moneth, came they to the porch of the LORD. So they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight dayes, and in the sixteenth day of the first moneth, they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We haue cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.

19 Moreouer all the vessels which king Ahaz in his reigne did cast away in his transgression, haue we prepared and sanctified, and behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

20 ¶ Then Hezekiah the king rose earely, and gathered the rulers of the citie, and went vp to the house of the LORD.

* Leuit. 4. 14. 21 And they brought seuen bullocks and seuen rammes, and seuen lambes, and seuen hee goats for a *sinne offering for the kingdome, and for the Sanctuarie, and for Iudah: and he commaunded the priests the sonnes of Aaron to

offer *them* on the Altar of the LORD.

22 So they killed the bullockes, and the priestes receiued the blood, and *sprinkled it on the altar: likewise when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood vpon the altar: they killed also the lambes, and they sprinkled the blood vpon the altar. * Leuit. 8. 14, 15. heb. 9. 21.

23 And they brought †foorth the hee goats for the sinne offering, before the king and the congregation, and laide their *hands vpon them: † Heb. neere. * Leuit. 4.

24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood vpon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel. 15.

25 *And hee set the Leuites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harpes, according to the commandement of Dauid, and of Gad the kings Seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandement †of the LORD †by his prophets. * 1. Chro. 16 4. and 25. 6. † Heb. by the hand of the Lord.

26 And the Leuites stood with the instruments of Dauid, and the priestes with the trumpets. † Heb. by the hand of.

27 And Hezekiah commaunded to offer the burnt offering vpon the altar: and †when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the †instruments *ordeined* by Dauid king of Israel. † Heb. in the time. † Heb. hands of instruments.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the †singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and all this continued* vntill the burnt offering was finished. † Heb. song.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were †present with him, bowed themselues and worshipped. † Heb. found

30 Moreouer Hezekiah the king and the Princes, commanded the Leuites to sing praise vnto the LORD, with the words of Dauid, and of Asaph the Seer: and they sang praises with gladnes, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye haue †consecrated your selues vnto the LORD: come neere and bring sacrifices, and thanke-offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices, and thank-offrings, and as many as were of a free heart, burnt offerings. || Or, filled your hand.

32 And

32 And the number of the burnt offerings which the congregation brought, *was* threescore and ten bullockes, an hundred rammes, *and* two hundred lambs: all these *were* for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 And the consecrated things *were*, sixe hundred oxen, and three thousand sheepe.

34 But the Priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Leuites † did helpe them, till the worke was ended, and vntill the *other* Priestes had sanctified themselues: for the Leuites *were* more vpright in heart, to sanctifie themselues, then the Priests.

† Heb.
streng-
thened
them

35 And also the burnt offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, & the drinke offrings, for *euery* burnt offering. So the seruice of the house of the LORD was set in order.

36 And Hezekiah reioyced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* suddenly.

CHAP. XXX.

1 Hezekiah proclaimeth a solemne Passeouer on the second moneth, for Iudah and Israel. 13 The assembly hauing destroyed the altars of idolatry, keepe the feast fourteene dayes. 27 The Priests and Leuites blesse the people.

AND Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Iudah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Ierusalem, to keepe the Passeouer vnto the LORD God of Israel.

2 For the king had taken counsell, and his Princes, and all the congregation in Ierusalem, to keepe the Passeouer in the second * moneth.

* Num. 19.

11. 3 For they could not keepe it at that time, because the Priests had not sanctified themselues sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselues together to Ierusalem.

† Heb. was
right in
the eyes of
the King.

4 And the thing † pleased the king, and all the Congregation.

5 So they established a decree, to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba euen to Dan, that they should come to keepe the Passeouer vnto the LORD God of Israel at Ierusalem: for they had not done *it* of a long *time* in such sort, as it was written.

6 So the Postes went with the letters †from the King and his Princes, throughout all Israel and Iudah, and according to the commandement of the king, saying; Yee children of Israel, turne againe vnto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, and hee wil returne to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. ^{†Heb. from the hand.}

7 And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gaue them vp to desolation, as ye see.

8 Now †be yee not stiffe-necked as your fathers were, *but* †yeeld your selues vnto the LORD, and enter into his Sanctuarie, which he hath sanctified for euer: and serue the LORD your God, that the fiercenesse of his wrath may turne away from you. ^{†Harden not your neckes. †Heb. giue the hand.}

9 For if yee turne againe vnto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall *finde* compassion before them that leade them captiue, so that they shall come againe into this land: for the LORD your God *is* gracious and *mercifull, *Exo. 34. and will not turne away *his* face from you, if ye returne vnto him.

10 So the Posts passed from citie to citie, through the cuntry of Ephraim and Manasseh, euen vnto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorne, and mocked them.

11 Neuerthelesse, diuers of Asher, and Manasseh, and of Zebulun, humbled themselues, and came to Ierusalem.

12 Also in Iudah, the hand of God was to giue them one heart to doe the commandement of the king and of the Princes, by the word of the LORD.

13 ¶ And there assembled at Ierusalem much people, to keepe the feast of vnleauened bread in the second moneth, a very great congregation.

14 And they arose and tooke away the *altars that *were* in Ierusalem, and all the altars for incense tooke they away, and cast *them* into the brooke Kidron. ^{*Chap. 28. 24.}

15 Then they killed the Passeouer on the fourteenth *day* of the second moneth: and the Priests and the Leuites were ashamed, and sanctified themselues, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.

16 And they stood in †their place af-
T t ter ^{†Heb. their standing.}

ter their maner, according to the Law of Moses the man of God: The priests sprinckled the blood, *which they receiued* of the hand of the Leuites.

17 For there were many in the Congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Leuites had the charge of the killing of the Passeouers for euery one that was not cleane, to sanctifie *them* vnto the LORD.

18 For a multitude of the people, *euen* many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves: yet did they eate the Passeouer otherwise then it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying; The good LORD pardon euery one,

19 That prepareth his heart to seeke God, the LORD God of his fathers, though hee be not *cleansed* according to the purification of the Sanctuary.

20 And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

† *Heb. found.* 21 And the children of Israel that were † present at Ierusalem, kept the feast of vnleauened bread seuen dayes with great gladnesse: and the Leuites and the Priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with † lowd instruments vnto the LORD.

† *Hebr. instruments of strength.* 22 And Hezekiah spake † comfortably vnto all the Leuites, that taught the good knowledge of the LORD: and they did † *Hebr. to the heart of all &c.* eate throughout the feast, seuen dayes, offering peace-offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of their fathers.

23 And the whole assembly tooke counsel to keepe other seuen dayes: and they kept *other* seuen dayes with gladnesse.

† *Heb. lifted vp or offred.* 24 For Hezekiah king of Iudah † did giue to the Congregation, a thousand bullockes, and seuen thousand sheep: and the Princes gaue to the Congregation a thousand bullocks, and ten thousand sheepe, and a great number of Priests sanctified themselves.

25 And all the Congregation of Iudah, with the Priests and the Leuites, and al the Congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Iudah, reioyced.

26 So there was great ioy in Ierusalem: for since the time of Solomon the sonne of Dauid King of Israel, *there was* not the like in Ierusalem.

27 ¶ Then the Priests the Leuites

arose, and blessed the people : and their voice was heard, and their prayer came *vp* to † his holy dwelling place, *euen vnto* † *Hebr. the habitation of his holiness.*

CHAP. XXXI.

- 1 The people is forward in destroying idolatry. 2 Hezekiah ordereth the courses of the priests and Leuites, and prouideth for their worke and maintenance. 5 The peoples forwardnesse in offerings and tithes. 11 Hezekiah appointeth officers to dispose of the tithes. 20 The sinceritie of Hezekiah.

NOW when all this was finished, all Israel that were † present, went out to the cities of Iudah, and *brake † *Hebr. found.* the † images in pieces, and cut downe the groues, and threw * 2. King. 18. 4. downe the high places and the altars out of all Iudah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, † vntill they had † *Hebr. statues.* vtterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel † *Hebr. vntill to make an end.* returned euery man to his possession into their owne cities.

2 ¶ And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the Priests and the Leuites after their courses, euery man according to his seruice, the Priests and Leuites for burnt offerings, and for peace offerings, to minister and to giue thankes, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD.

3 *He appointed* also the kings portion of his substance, for the burnt offrings, *to wit,* for the morning and euening burnt offrings; and the burnt offrings for the Sabbaths, and for the New-moones, and for the set feasts, as it *is* written in the Law * of the LORD.

* Num. 28.

4 Moreouer, he commaunded the people that dwelt in Ierusalem, to giue the portion of the Priests, and the Leuites, that they might be encouraged in the Law of the LORD.

5 ¶ And assoone as the commaundement † came abroad, the † *Hebr. brought forth.* children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of † *Or, dates.* corne, wine and oile, & || hony, and of all the increase of the field, and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.

6 And concerning the children of Israel and Iudah, that dwelt in the cities of Iudah, they *also* brought in the tithes of oxen and sheepe, and the tithe of holy * things, which were * *Leuit. 27. consecra- 30. deu. 14. ted 28.*

† *Heb.*
heapes
heapes.

ted vnto the LORD their God, *and layd them* † by heapes.

7 In the third moneth they began to lay the foundation of the heapes, and finished *them* in the seuenth moneth.

8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came, and saw the heapes, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel.

9 Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Leuites concerning the heapes.

10 And Azariah the chiefe priest of the house of Zadok, answered him & said: Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, wee haue had enough to eate, and haue left plentie: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left, *is* this great store.

|| *Or, store-*
houses.

11 ¶ Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare || chambers in the house of the LORD, and they prepared *them*,

12 And brought in the offerings and the tithes, and the dedicate things, faithfully: ouer which Cononiah the Leuite *was* ruler, and Shimei his brother was the next.

† *Heb. at*
the hand.

13 And Iehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Ierimoth, and Iozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah *were* ouerseers † vnder the hande of Cononiah, and Shimei his brother, at the commandement of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

14 And Kore the sonne of Immah the Leuite the porter toward the East, *was* ouer the free will offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things.

† *Heb. at*
his hand.

15 And † next him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Ieshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shechaniah, in the cities of the priests, in *their* || set office, to giue to their brethren by courses, as wel to the great as to the small:

|| *Or, trust.*

16 Beside their genealogie of males, from three yeeres old and vpward, *euen* vnto euery one that entreth into the house of the LORD, his dayly portion for their seruice in their charges, according to their courses:

17 Both to the genealogie of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Leuites from twenty yeeres olde and vpward, in their charges by their courses:

18 And to the genealogie of all their

little ones, their wiues, and their sonnes, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their ||set office they || *Or, trust.* sanctified themselues in holinesse.

19 Also of the sonnes of Aaron the priests, which *were* in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in euery seuerall citie, the men that *were* expressed by name, to giue portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies, among the Leuites.

20 ¶ And thus did Hezekiah throughout al Iudah, and wrought that which *was* good and right, and trueth before the LORD his God.

21 And in euery worke that he began in the seruice of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandements to seeke his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and prospered.

CHAP. XXXII.

1 Sennacherib inuading Iudah, Hezekiah fortifieth himselfe and encourageth his people. 9 Against the blasphemies of Sennacherib by message and letters, Hezekiah & Isaiah pray. 21 An Angel destroyeth the hoste of the Assyrians, to the glory of Hezekiah. 24 Hezekiah praying in his sickenes, God giueth him a signe of recouerie. 25 He waxing proud, is humbled by God. 27 His wealth and works. 31 His errour in the embassage of Babylon. 32 He dying, Manasseh succeedeth him.

After *these things and the establishment *therof*, Sennacherib ^{* 2. king. 18 13, &c. esai. 36. 1, &c.} king of Assyria came, and entred into Iudah, & encamped against the fenced cities, and thought †to winne them for himselfe.

2 And when Hezekiah sawe that Sennacherib was come, and that †hee was purposed to fight against Ierusalem,

3 He tooke counsel with his princes, and his mightie men, to stop the waters of the fountaines, which *were* without the citie: and they did helpe him. ^{† Hebr. to breake them vp. † Heb. his face was to warre.}

4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopt all the fountaines, and the brooke that †ranne through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and finde much water? ^{† Heb. ouerflowed.}

5 Also he strengthened himselfe, and built vp all the wall that was broken, and raised *it* vp to the towers, and another

ther wall without, and prepared Millo *in* the citie of Dauid, and made || darts and shields in abundance.

|| Or,
swords, or
weapons.

6 And hee set captaines of warre ouer the people, and gathered them together to him in the streete of the gate of the city, and spake † comfortably to them, saying;

† Heb. hee
spake to
their heart.

7 Be strong and couragious, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for there *bee* moe with vs, then with him.

* Iere. 17.
5.

8 * With him *is* an arme of flesh, but with vs *is* the LORD our God to helpe vs, and to fight our battels. And the people † rested themselues vpon the words of Hezekiah king of Iudah.

† Heb. lea-
ned.

* 2. King.
18. 17.

9 ¶ * After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his seruants to Ierusalem (but he *himselfe laide siege* against Lachish, and all his † power with him) vnto Hezekiah king of Iudah, and vnto all Iudah that *were* at Ierusalem, saying;

† Heb. do-
minion.

10 Thus sayth Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon doe ye trust, that yee abide || in the siege in Ierusalem?

|| Or, in the
strong
hold.

11 Doeth not Hezekiah perswade you to giue ouer your selues to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliuer vs out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places, and his altars, and commanded Iudah and Ierusalem, saying; Yee shall worship before one altar, & burne incense vpon it?

13 Know ye not what I and my fathers haue done vnto all the people of *other* lands? were the gods of the nations of those landes any wayes able to deliuer their lands out of mine hand?

14 Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations, that my fathers vtterly destroyed, that could deliuer his people out of mine hand, that your God should bee able to deliuer you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceiue you, nor perswade you on this manner, neither yet beleeeue him: for no god of any nation or kingdome was able to deliuer his people out of mine hand, & out of the hand of my fathers: how much lesse shall your God deliuer you out of mine hand?

16 And his seruants spake yet *more* against the LORD God, and against

his seruant Hezekiah.

17 Hee wrote also letters to raile on the LORD God of Israel, & to speake against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands haue not deliuered their people out of mine hand: so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliuer his people out of mine hand.

18 Then they cryed with a loude voice in the Iewes speech vnto the people of Ierusalem that were on the wal, to affright them, and to trouble them, that they might take the city.

19 And they spake against the God of Ierusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth *which were* the worke of the hands of man.

20 For this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the Prophet Isaiah the sonne of Amoz, prayed and cryed to heauen.

21 ¶ * And the LORD sent an Angel, which cut off all the * 2. King. mightie men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the 19. 35, &c. campe of the king of Assyria: so hee returned with shame of face to his owne land. And when hee was come into the house of his god, they that came foorth of his owne bowels, † slew him there with the sword.

22 Thus the LORD saued Hezekiah, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem, from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on euery side. † Heb. made him fall.

23 And many brought gifts vnto the LORD to Ierusalem, and † presents to Hezekiah king of Iudah: so that hee was magnified in the sight of all nations, from thenceforth. † Heb. precious things.

24 ¶ * In those dayes Hezekiah was sicke to the death, and prayed vnto the LORD: and he spake vnto him, and he || gaue him a signe. * 2. King. 20. 1. isai. 38. 1.

25 But Hezekiah rendred not againe, according to the benefit done vnto him: for his heart was lifted vp, therefore there was wrath vpon him, and vpon Iudah and Ierusalem. || Or, wrought a miracle for him.

26 Notwithstanding, Hezekiah humbled himselfe for † the pride of his heart, (*both* hee and the inhabitants of Ierusalem) so that the wrath of the LORD came not vpon them in the dayes of Hezekiah. † Heb. the lifting vp.

27 ¶ And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches, and honour: and he made himselfe treasuries for siluer, and for golde, and for precious stones, and for spices,

† *Hebr. instruments of desire.*

spices, and for shields, and for all maner of † pleasant iewels; 28 Store-houses also for the increase of corne, and wine and oile; and stalles for all maner of beasts, and coates for flocks.

29 Moreouer, hee provided him cities, and possessions of flocks & heards in abundance: for God had giuen him substance very much.

30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the vpper water-course of Gihon, and brought it straight downe to the West-side of the City of Dauid. And Hezekiah prospered in all his workes.

† *Hebr interpreters.*

* 2. King.

20. 12. isa.

39. 1.

† *Hebr.*

kindnesses.

31 ¶ Howbeit, in *the businesse* of the † Embassadours of the Princes of Babylon, who *sent vnto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

32 ¶ Now, the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his † goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the Prophet, the sonne of Amoz, *and* in the booke of the kings of Iudah and Israel.

¶ *Or, highest.*

33 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ¶ chiefest of the Sepulchres of the sonnes of Dauid: and all Iudah and the inhabitants of Ierusalem did him honour at his death: and Manasseh his sonne reigned in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Manasseh his wicked reigne. 3 Hee setteth vp idolatry, and would not be admonished. 11 He is caried into Babylon. 12 Vpon his prayer to God hee is released, and putteth downe idolatry. 18 His acts. 20 Hee dying, Amon succeedeth him. 21 Amon reigning wickedly is slaine by his seruants. 25 The murtherers beeing slaine, Iosiah succeedeth him.

* 2. King.

21. 1. &c.

M Anasseh *was twelue yeeres old when he began to reigne, and he reigned fiftie and fiue yeres in Ierusalem:

2 But did that which *was* euil in the sight of the LORD, like vnto the abominations of the heathen, *whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

* Deut. 18. 9.

† *Hebr. hee returned and built.*

* 2. King.

18. 4.

3 ¶ For †hee built againe the high places, which Hezekiah his father had *broken downe, and he reared vp altars for Baalim, and made groues, and

worshipped all the host of heauen, and serued them.

4 Also hee built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had saide, *In Ierusalem shall my Name be for euer. * Deut. 12.
11. 1. king.
8. 29. and
9. 3.
2. chro.
6. 6. and 7.
16.

5 And he built altars for all the host of heauen, in the two Courts of the house of the LORD.

6 And he caused his children to passe through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he obserued times, and vsed inchantments, and vsed witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much euill in the sight of the LORD, to prouoke him to anger.

7 And hee set a carued image (the idole which he had made) in the house of God, of which God had said to Dauid, and to Solomon his sonne: In *this house, and in Ierusalem *which I haue chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my Name for euer. * Psal. 132.
14.

8 Neither will I any more remoue the foot *of Israel from out of the land which I haue appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to doe all that I haue commanded them, according to the whole Law, and the statutes, and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. * 2. Sam. 7.
10.

9 So Manasseh made Iudah, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem to erre, *and* to doe worse then the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

11 ¶ Wherefore the LORD brought vpon them the captaines of the host †of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thornes, & bound him with ||fethers, & caried him to Babylon. † Heb.
which were
the kings.
|| Or,
chaines.

12 And when hee was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himselfe greatly before the God of his fathers,

13 And prayed vnto him, and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him againe to Ierusalem into his kingdome. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD hee *was* God.

14 Now after this, hee built a wall without the citie of Dauid, on the West-side of Gihon, in the valley, euen to the entring in at the fish-gate, and compas-

|| *Or, the tower.*

sed about ||Ophel, and raised it vp a very great height, and put captaines of warre in all the fenced cities of Iudah.

15 And hee tooke away the strange gods and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Ierusalem, and cast *them* out of the citie.

16 And hee repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings, and thanke offerings, and commaunded Iudah to serue the LORD God of Israel.

17 Neuerthelesse, the people did sacrifice still in the high places, *yet* vnto the LORD their God only.

18 ¶ Nowe the rest of the actes of Manasseh, & his prayer vnto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are *written* in the booke of the kings of Israel :

19 His prayer also, and how *God* was intreated of him, and all his sinne, and his trespasse, and the places wherein he built high places, and set vp groues and grauen images before hee was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of || the Seers.

|| *Or, Hosai.*

20 ¶ So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his owne house: and Amon his sonne reigned in his stead.

* 2. Kin.

21. 19. &c.

21 ¶ * Amon was two and twentie yeeres old, when he beganne to reigne, and reigned two yeares in Ierusalem.

22 But he did that which *was* euill in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed vnto all the carued images, which Manasseh his father had made, and serued them;

† *Heb. multiplied trespasse.*

23 And humbled not himselfe before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himselfe: but Amon † trespassed more and more.

24 And his seruants conspired against him, and slew him in his owne house.

25 ¶ But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon, and the people of the land made Iosiah his sonne, king in his stead.

CHAP. XXXIII.

1 Iosiah his good reigne. 3 He destroyeth Idolatry. 8 Hee taketh order for the repaire

of the Temple. 14 Hilkiāh hauing found a booke of the Law, Iosiah sendeth to Huldah to inquire of the Lord. 23 Huldah prophecieth destruction of Ierusalem, but respit therof in Iosiahs time. 29 Iosiah causing it to be read in a solemne assembly, reneweth the couenant with God.

I *Osiah *was* eight yeeres old when hee beganne to ^{*2. Kin.} reigne, and he reigned in Ierusalem one and thirty ^{22. 1. &c.} yeeres.

2 And he did that which *was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the wayes of Dauid his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand nor to the left.

3 ¶ For in the eight yeare of his reigne, while he was yet young, hee beganne to seeke after the God of Dauid his father: and in the twelfth yeere hee beganne to *purge Iudah ^{*1. Kin.} and Ierusalem from the high places and the groues, and the ^{13. 2.} carued images, and the molten images.

4 *And they brake downe the altars of Baalim in his presence, and ||the images that were on high aboue them, he cut ^{*Leuit. 26.} downe, and the groues, and the carued images, and the ^{30.} molten images he brake in peeces, and made dust of *them*, ^{|| Or, sun-Images.} and strowed *it* vpon the †grauēs of them, that had sacrificed ^{† Heb. face of the graues.} vnto them.

5 And hee burnt the bones of the priests vpon their altars, and cleansed Iudah and Ierusalem.

6 And *so did he* in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, euen vnto Naphtali, with their ||mattockes, round ^{|| Or, maules.} about.

7 And when he had broken downe the altars and the groues, and had beaten the grauen images †into poulder, ^{† Heb. to make poulder.} and cut downe all the idoles throughout all the land of Israel, hee returned to Ierusalem.

8 ¶ Now in the eighteenth yeere of his reigne, when hee had purged the land, and the house; he sent Shaphan the sonne of Azaliah, and Maasiah the gouernour of the citie, and Ioah the sonne of Ioahaz the recorder, to repaire the house of the LORD his God.

9 And when they came to Hilkiāh the high priest, they deliuered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Leuites that kept the doores,

doores, had gathered of the hand of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Iudah, and Benjamin, and they returned to Ierusalem.

10 And they put *it* in the hand of the workemen that had the ouersight of the house of the LORD, and they gaue it to the workemen that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repaire and mend the house.

|| *Or, to
rafter.*

11 Euen to the artificers and builders gaue they it, to buy hewen stone, and timber for couplings, and ||to floore the houses, which the kings of Iudah had destroyed.

12 And the men did the worke faithfully, and the ouerseers of them *were* Iahath, and Obadiah, the Leuites, of the sonnes of Merari, and Sechariah, and Meshullam, of the sonnes of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward: and *other* of the Leuites, all that could skill of instruments of musicke.

13 Also they *were* ouer the bearers of burdens, and *were* ouerseers of all that wrought the worke in any manner of seruite: and of the Leuites *there were* Scribes, and officers, and porters.

14 ¶ And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest *found a booke of the lawe of the LORD, *giuen* †by Moses.

* 2. Kings
22. 8, &c.
† *Heb. by
the hand of.*

15 And Hilkiah answered and saide to Shaphan the scribe: I haue found the booke of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah deliuered the booke to Shaphan:

16 And Shaphan caried the booke to the king, and brought the king word backe againe, saying, All that was committed †to thy seruants, they doe *it*.

† *Heb. to
the hand of.*
† *Heb. pow-
red out, or
melted.*

17 And they haue †gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and haue deliuered it into the hand of the ouerseers, and to the hand of the workemen.

† *Heb. in
it.*

18 Then Shaphan the scribe tolde the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath giuen me a booke. And Shaphan read †it before the king.

19 And it came to passe when the king had heard the words of the lawe, that he rent his clothes.

|| *Or, Ach-
bor,*
2. kings
22. 12.

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the sonne of Shaphan, and ||Abdon the sonne of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a

seruant of the kings, saying,

21 Goe, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Iudah, concerning the wordes of the booke that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is powred out vpon vs, because our fathers haue not kept the word of the LORD, to doe after all that is written in this booke.

22 And Hilkiah and they that the king had *appointed* went to Huldah the prophetesse, the wife of Shallum the sonne of Tikuath, the sonne of ||Hasrah, keeper of the †wardrobe *|| Or, Harhas, 2. kings 22. 14.* (now she dwelt in Ierusalem in the ||colledge,) and they spake to her to that *effect*.

23 ¶ And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you to me, *† Heb. garments. || Or, in the schoole, or in the second part.*

24 Thus saith the LORD, behold, I will bring euill vpon this place, and vpon the inhabitants thereof, *euē* all the curses that are written in the booke which they haue read before the king of Iudah:

25 Because they haue forsaken mee, and haue burned incense vnto other gods, that they might prouoke mee to anger with all the workes of their hands, therefore my wrath shall bee powred out vpon this place, and shall not be quenched.

26 And as for the king of Iudah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shal ye say vnto him: Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *concerning* the words which thou hast heard:

27 Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thy selfe before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thy selfe before me, and diddest rend thy clothes, and weepe before me, I haue euē heard thee also, saith the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt bee gathered to thy graue in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the euill that I will bring vpon this place, and vpon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word againe.

29 ¶ *Then the king sent, and gathered together all the Elders of Iudah and Ierusalem. ** 2. Kings 23. 1.*

30 And the king went vp into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Iudah, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem,

†*Heb. from great euen to small.* **†**great and small: and he read in their eares all the words of the booke of the couenant, that was found in the house of the LORD.

31 And the King stood in his place, & made a Couenant before the LORD, to walke after the LORD, and to keep his Commandements, and his Testimonies, and his Statutes, with all his heart, & with all his soule, to performe the words of the Couenant which are written in this booke.

†*Heb. found.* 32 And he caused all that were †present in Ierusalem and Beniamin, to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Ierusalem did according to the couenant of God, the God of their fathers.

†*Heb. from after.* 33 And Iosiah tooke away all the abominations out of all the countreys that *perteined* to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serue, *euen* to serue the LORD their God. And all his dayes they departed not †from folowing the LORD the God of their fathers.

CHAP. XXXV.

1 Iosiah keepeth a most solemne Passeouer. 20 Hee prouoking Pharaoh Nechoh, is slaine at Megiddo. 25 Lamentations for Iosiah.

* 2. King. 23. 21, 22. **M**Oreouer *Iosiah kept a Passeouer vnto *ŷ* LORD in Ierusalem: and they killed the Passeouer on the *Exo. 12. fourteenth *day of the first moneth.

6. 2 And hee set the Priestes in their charges, and encouraged them to the seruice of the house of the LORD,

* 1. Chron. 9. 10. and chap. 23, 24. 25, and 26. 3 And said vnto the Leuites, that taught all Israel, which were holy vnto the LORD, Put the holy Arke in the house, *it shall not be* a burden vpon *your* shoulders: serue now the LORD your God, and his people Israel.

* 2. Chron. 8. 14. 4 And prepare *your selues* by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the *writing of Dauid king of Israel, and according to the *writing of Solomon his sonne.

†*Heb. the house of the fathers.* 5 And stand in the holy place according to the diuisions of the †families of the fathers of your †brethren the people, and after the diuision of the families of the Leuites.

6 So kill the Passeouer, and sanctifie your selues, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may doe according to the word of the LORD, by the hand of Moses.

7 And Iosiah †gaue to the people, of the flocke, lambes and †*Heb. kiddes*, all for the Passeouer-offerings, for all that were pre-*offred* sent, to the number of thirtie thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these *were* of the kings substance.

8 And his Princes †gaue willingly vnto the people, to the †*Heb. Priests* and to the Leuites: Hilkiah, and Zachariah, and *offred*. Iehiel, rulers of the house of God, gaue vnto the Priests for the Passeouer-offerings, two thousand and sixe hundred *small cattell*, and three hundred oxen.

9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah, and Nethaneel, his brethren, & Hashabiah, and Iehiel, and Ioshabad chiefe of the Leuites, †gaue vnto the Leuites for Passeouer-offerings, fise thousand †*Heb. small cattell*, and fise hundred oxen. *offred*.

10 So the seruice was prepared, and the Priests stood in their place, and the Leuites in their courses, according to the kings commandement.

11 And they killed the Passeouer, and the Priestes sprinkled *the blood* from their handes, and the Leuites *flayed *them*.

* See
Chap. 29.
34.

12 And they remooued the burnt offerings, that they might giue according to the diuisions of the families of the people, to offer vnto the LORD, as it is written in the booke of Moses: and so *did they* with the oxen.

13 And they *rosted the Passeouer with fire, according to *Exod. 12. the ordinance: but the *other* holy offerings sod they in pots, 8, 9. and in cauldrons, and in pannes, and †diuided *them* speedily †*Heb. among all the people.* *made them runne.*

14 And afterward they made ready for themselues, and for the Priests: because the Priests the sonnes of Aaron *were busied* in offring of burnt offrings, and the fat vntill night: therefore the Leuites prepared for themselues, and for the Priests the sonnes of Aaron.

15 And the singers the sonnes of Asaph, *were* in their †place according to the *commandement of Dauid, and †*Heb. Asaph*, and Heman, and Ieduthun the kings Seer: and the Porters *waited at euery gate: they might not depart from their seruice; for their brethren the Leuites prepared for them. †*station* * 1. Chron. 25. 1, &c. * 1. Chron. 9. 17. and 26. 14.

16 So

16 So all the seruice of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keepe the Passeouer, and to offer burnt offerings vpon the altar of the LORD, according to the commaundement of king Iosiah.

† *Heb. found.*

17 And the children of Israel that were † present, kept the Passeouer at that time, and the feast of vnleauened bread seuen dayes.

18 And there was no Passeouer like to that, kept in Israel, from the dayes of Samuel the Prophet: neither did all the Kings of Israel keepe such a Passeouer, as Iosiah kept, and the Priests and the Levites, and all Iudah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Ierusalem.

19 In the eighteenth yeere of the reigne of Iosiah, was this Passeouer kept.

* 2. King.
23. 29.
† *Heb. house.*

20 ¶ * After all this, when Iosiah had prepared the † Temple, Necho king of Egypt came vp to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Iosiah went out against him.

† *Hebr. the house of my warre.*

21 But hee sent Embassadours to him, saying, What haue I to doe with thee, thou king of Iudah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the house, † wherewith I haue warre: for God commaunded mee to make haste: forbear thee from *medling* with God, who *is* with mee, that hee destroy thee not.

22 Neuerthelesse Iosiah would not turne his face from him, but disguised himselfe that he might fight with him, and hearkened not vnto the wordes of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

† *Hebr. made sicke.*

23 And the archers shot at king Iosiah: and the King saide to his seruants, Haue mee away, for I am † sore wounded.

|| *Or, among the sepulchres.*
* Zach. 12.

24 His seruants therefore tooke him out of that charet, and put him in the second charet that hee *had*: and they brought him to Ierusalem, and hee died, and was buried || in *one of the Sepulchres* of his fathers. And * all Iudah and Ierusalem mourned for Iosiah.

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25 ¶ And Ieremiah lamented for Iosiah, and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Iosiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel; and beholde, they are written in the Lamentations.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Iosiah, and his †goodnes, †*Hebr. kindnesses.*
 according to that which *was* written in the Law of the LORD,
 72 And his deedes first and last; behold, they *are* written
 in the booke of the kings of Israel and Iudah.

CHAP. XXXVI.

1 Iehoahaz succeeding, is deposed by Pharaoh, and caried into Egypt.
 5 Iehoiakim raining ill, is caried bound into Babylon. 9 Iehoiachin succeeding reigneth ill, and is brought into Babylon. 11 Zedekiah succeeding reigneth ill, and despiseth the Prophets, and rebelleth against Nebuchadnezzar. 14 Ierusalem for the sinnes of the Priests and people, is wholly destroyed. 22 The proclamation of Cyrus.

THen *the people of the land tooke Iehoahaz the son of *2. King. Iosiah, and made him King in his fathers stead in 23. 30. &c. Ierusalem.

2 Iehoahaz *was* twentie and three yeeres old, when hee began to reigne, and hee reigned three moneths in Ierusalem.

3 And the king of Egypt †put him downe at Ierusalem, and †condemned the land in an hundred talents of siluer, and a talent of gold. †*Hebr. removed him.*

4 And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother, king ouer Iudah and Ierusalem, and turned his name to Iehoiakim. †*Hebr. mulcted.*
 And Necho tooke Iehoahaz his brother, and caried him to Egypt.

5 ¶ Iehoiakim *was* twentie and fiue yeres old when he began to reigne, and he reigned eleuen yeeres in Ierusalem: and hee did that which *was* euill in the sight of the LORD his God.

6 Against him came vp Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon, and bound him in ||fettters to cary him to Babylon.

7 *Nebuchadnezzar also caried of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. †*Or, chaines.* *2. King. 24. 13. dan. 1. 1, 2.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Iehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which *was* found in him, behold, they are written in the booke of the Kings of Israel and Iudah: and ||Iehoiachin his sonne reigned in his stead. †*Or, Iecooniah,* 1. chro. 3. 16. or, Coniah, ier. 22. 24.

9 ¶ *Iehoiachin *was* eight yeeres old when hee began to reigne, and hee reigned *2. King. 24. 8.

reigned three moneths and ten dayes in Ierusalem, and hee did that which *was* euill in the sight of the LORD.

† *Hebr. at the returne of the yeere.*

† *Heb. vessels of desire.*

|| *Or, Mat- taniah,*

2. kin. 24.

17. ier. 37.

1.

* Ier. 52. 1,

&c. 2. king

24. 18.

10 And † when the yeere was expired, King Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the † goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made || Zedekiah his brother, king ouer Iudah and Ierusalem.

11 ¶ * Zedekiah *was* one and twentie yeres old, when he began to reigne, and reigned eleuen yeeres in Ierusalem.

12 And hee did that which *was* euill in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* humbled not himselfe before Ieremiah the Prophet, *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD.

13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him sweare by God: but he stiffened his necke, and hardened his heart from turning vnto the LORD God of Israel.

14 ¶ Moreouer all the chiefe of the priests, and the people transgressed very much, after all the abominations of the heathen, and polluted the house of the LORD which hee had hallowed in Ierusalem.

* Ier. 25. 3. and 35. 15.

† *Heb. by the hand of his mes-*

sengers.

|| *That is,*

continu-

ally and

carefully

† *Heb. hea-*

ling.

* 2. Kings 25. 1, &c.

15 * And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them † by his messengers, rising vp || betimes, and sending: because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his wordes, and misused his prophets, vntill the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no † remedie.

17 * Therefore hee brought vpon them the king of the Caldees, who

slew their yong men with the sword, in the house of their sanctuarie, and had no compassion vpon yong man or maiden, olde man, or him that stouped for age: he gaue *them* all into his hand.

18 And all the vessels of the house of God great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes: all *these* he brought to Babylon.

19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake downe the wall of Ierusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

20 And †them that had escaped from the sword, caried he away to Babylon: where they were seruants to him and his sonnes, vntil the reigne of the kingdome of Persia :

† *Heb. the remainder from the sword.*

21 To fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of *Ieremias, vntill the land *had enioyed her Sabbaths: *for* as long as shee lay desolate, shee kept Sabbath, to fulfill threescore and tenne yeeres.

* Ier. 25. 9, 12. & 29. 10
* Leuit. 26. 34. and 35. and 43.

22 ¶ *Now in the first yeere of Cyrus king of Persia (that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of *Jeremiah, might bee accomplished) the LORD stirred vp the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that hee made a proclamation throughout all his kingdome, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

* Ezra 1. 1.
* Ier. 25. 12
13. and 29. 10.

23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdomes of the earth hath the LORD God of heauen giuen mee, and he hath charged me to build him an house in Ierusalem, which *is* in Iudah: Who *is there* among you of all his people? the LORD his God *be* with him, and let him goe vp.

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CHAP. I.

1 The Proclamation of Cyrus for the building of the Temple. 5 The people provide for the returne. 7 Cyrus restoreth the vessels of the Temple to Sheshbazzar.

* 2. Chron. 36. 22. iere. 25. 12. and 29. 10.
† Heb. caused a voice to passe.
NOW in the first yeere of Cyrus King of Persia, (that the word of the LORD *by the mouth of Ieremiah, might be fulfilled) † LORD stirred vp the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he †made a proclamation throughout all his kingdome, and *put it* also in writing, saying;

2 Thus sayth Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heauen hath giuen mee all the kingdomes of the earth, and he hath *charged me to build him an house at Ierusalem, which *is* in Iudah.
* Isa. 44. 28. & 45. 1, 13.

3 Who *is* there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him goe vp to Ierusalem, which is in Iudah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (He *is* the God) which *is* in Ierusalem.

4 And whosoeuer remaineth in any place where hee sojourneth, let the men of his place †helpe him with siluer, and with golde, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the free-will offering for the house of God that is in Ierusalem.
† Heb. lift him vp.

5 ¶ Then rose vp the chiefe of the fathers of Iudah and Benjamin, and the Priests, and the Leuites, with all *them* whose spirit God had raised to goe vp, to build the house of the LORD which is in Ierusalem.

6 And all they that *were* about them, ||strengthened their hands with vessels of siluer, with golde, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things; besides all *that* was willingly offered.
|| That is, helped them.

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7 ¶ Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, *which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Ierusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods:

* 2. Kings
24. 13.
2. chr. 36.
7.

8 Euen those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth, by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbred them vnto *Sheshbazzar the Prince of Iudah.

* See
Chap. 5.
14.

9 And this *is* the number of them: thirtie chargers of golde, a thousand chargers of siluer, nine and twentie kniues:

10 Thirtie basins of golde: siluer basins of a second sort, foure hundred and ten: *and* other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of golde and of siluer, *were* fife thousand and foure hundred. All *these* did Sheshbazzar bring vp with *them* of †the captiuitie, that were brought vp from Babylon vnto Ierusalem.

† *Hebr. the transportation.*

CHAP. II.

1 The number that returne, of the people, 36 of the Priests, 40 of the Leuites, 43 of the Nethinims, 55 of Solomons seruants, 62 of the Priests which could not shewe their pedigree. 64 The whole number of them, with their substance. 68 Their oblations.

Now *these *are* the children of the prouince, that went vp out of the captiuitie, of those which had beene caried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon had caried away vnto Babylon, and came againe vnto Ierusalem and Iudah, euery one vnto his citie;

* Nehem.
7. 6, &c.

2 Which came with Zerubbabel, Ieshua, Nehemiah, ||Saraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Biguai, Rehum, Baanah: The number of the men of the people of Israel.

|| *Or, Azariah, nehe. 7. 7.*

3 The children of Parosh, two thousand, an hundred seuentie and two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seuentie and two.

5 The

5 The children of Arah, seven hundred, seven and five.

* Nehem.
7. 10.

6 The children of *Pahath-Moab, of the children of Ieshua and Ioab, two thousand, eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of Elam, a thousand, two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.

9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

|| Or,

Binnui,

nehem. 7.

15.

10 The children of ||Bani, six hundred, forty and two.

11 The children of Bebai, six hundred, twenty and three.

12 The children of Azgad, a thousand, two hundred, twenty and two.

13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred, sixty and six.

14 The children of Biguai, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of Adin, four hundred, fifty and four.

16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.

|| Or,

Hariph,

nehem. 7.

24.

|| Or,

Gibeon,

nehem. 7.

25.

18 The children of ||Iorah, an hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.

20 The children of ||Gibbar, ninety and five.

21 The children of Bethlehem, an hundred twenty and three.

22 The children of Netophah, fifty and six.

23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight.

|| Or, *Beth-*

Asmaueth,

Nehe. 7.

28.

24 The children of ||Azmaueth, forty and two.

25 The children of Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred, and forty and three.

26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred, twenty and one.

27 The men of Michmas, an hundred, twenty and two.

28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred, twenty and three.

29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.

30 The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six.

* See ver. 7. 31 The children of the other *Elam, a thousand, two hundred, fifty and four.

32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

- 33 The children of Lod || Hadid, and Ono, seuen hundred, || *Or, Harid, as it is in some copies.*
 twentie and fve.
- 34 The children of Iericho, three hundred fourtie and fve.
- 35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and sixe hundred and thirtie.
- 36 ¶ The Priests. The children of *Iedaiah, of the house * 1. Chro.
 of Ieshua, nine hundred, seuentie and three. 24. 7.
- 37 The children of *Immer, a thousand, fiftie and two. * 1. Chro.
- 38 The children of *Pashur, a thousand, two hundred, 24. 14.
 fourtie and seuen. * 1. Chro. 9. 12.
- 39 The children of *Harim, a thousand and seenteene. * 1. Chro. 24. 8.
- 40 ¶ The Leuites. The children of Ieshua, and Kadmiel, of the children of || Hodauia, seuentie and foure. || *Or, Iuda, chap. 3. 9. called also Hodeuah, nehem. 7.*
- 41 ¶ The singers. The children of Asaph, an hundred twentie and eight. 43.
- 42 ¶ The children of the porters. The children of Shalum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all, an hundred thirtie and nine.
- 43 ¶ The Nethinims. The children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
- 44 The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,
- 45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,
- 46 The children of Hagab, the children of || Shalmal, the || *Or, Shamlai.*
 children of Hanan.
- 47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,
- 48 The children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam,
- 49 The children of Vzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,
- 50 The children of Asnah, the children of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim,
- 51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
- 52 The children of || Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the || *Or, Bazlith, in Nehem.*
 children of Harsha,
- 53 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Thamah,
- 54 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

55 ¶ The

55 ¶ The children of Solomons seruants. The children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of ¶ Peruda,
 ¶ Or, Perida, in Nehem. 56 The children of Iaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of ¶ Ami.

58 All the *Nethinims, and the children of *Solomons seruants, *were* three hundred ninetie and two.

59 And these *were they* which went vp from Tel-melah, Tel-Harsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not shewe their fathers house, and their ¶ seed, whether they *were* of Israel.

60 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda: sixe hundred fiftie and two.

61 ¶ And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, (which tooke a wife of the daughters of *Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.)

62 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogie, but they were not found: therefore *were they* † as polluted, put from the priesthood.

63 And the ¶ Tirshatha said vnto them, that they should not eate of the most holy things, till there stood vp a priest with *Vrim & with Thummim.

64 ¶ The whole Congregation together, was fourtie and two thousand, three hundred *and* threescore:

65 Beside their seruants and their maids, of whom there were seuen thousand, three hundred thirtie and seuen: and *there were* among them two hundred singing men, and singing women.

66 Their horses *were* seuen hundred, thirtie and sixe: their mules, two hundred fourtie and foue:

67 Their camels, foure hundred, thirty and foue: *their* asses, sixe thousand, seuen hundred and twentie.

68 ¶ And *some* of the chiefe of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which *is* at Ierusalem, offered freely for the house of God, to set it vp in his place:

69 They gaue after their abilitie, vnto the *treasure of the worke, threescore and one thousand drammes of golde, and foue thousand pound of siluer, and one hundred priests garments.

70 So the priests and the Leuites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

CHAP. III.

1 The Altar is set vp. 4 Offerings frequented. 7 Workmen prepared.
8 The foundations of the Temple are laid in great ioy & mourning.

AND when the seuenth moneth was come, and the children of Israel *were* in the cities: the people gathered themselves together, as one man to Ierusalem.

2 Then stood vp || Ieshua the sonne of Iozadak, & his brethren the priests, and *Zerubbabel the sonne of *Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the Altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offrings thereon, as *it is* *written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set the altar vpon his bases, (for feare *was* vpon them, because of the people of those countreys) and they offered burnt offerings thereon vnto the LORD, *euen* burnt offerings, morning and euening.

4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, *as *it is* written, and *offred the dayly burnt offrings, by number, according to the custome, †as the duetie of euery day required:

5 And afterward *offered* the continuall burnt offering, both of the new moones, and of all the set feasts of the LORD, that were consecrated, and of euery one that willingly offred, offered a free will offering vnto the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seuenth moneth, began they to offer burnt offerings vnto the LORD: but the †foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.

7 They gaue money also vnto the masons, and to the ||carpenters, and meate, and drinke, and oyle, vnto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring Cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of *Ioppa: according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

8 ¶ Now in the second yere of their comming vnto the house of God at Ierusalem, in the second moneth, began Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshua the sonne of Iozadak, and the

|| Or, Iosua.
Hagge 1. 1.
* Matth. 1.
12. and
luke 3. 27.
called
Zorobabel.
* Matth. 1.
12. and
luke 3. 27.
called
Salathiel.
* Deut. 12.
5.
* Num. 29.
12.
* Exod. 23.
16.
† Hebr. the
matter of
the day in
his day.
† Hebr. the
Temple of
the Lord
was not yet
founded.
|| Or,
workemen.
* Acts 9. 3.

the remnant of their brethren, the Priests and the Leuites, and all they that were come out of the captiuitie vnto Ierusalem: and appointed the Leuites, from twentie yeeres olde and vpward, to set forward the worke of the house of the LORD.

9 Then stood Ieshua, *with* his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sonnes, the sonnes of ||Iudah †together, to set forward the workemen in the house of God: the sonnes of Henadad, with their sonnes and their brethren the Leuites.

|| *Or, Hodaniah,*
Chap. 2.
40.
† *Heb. as one.*

10 And when the builders laide the foundation of the Temple of the LORD, they set the Priests in their apparell with Trumpets, and the Leuites the sonnes of Asaph, with Cymbales, to praise the LORD, after the * ordinance of Dauid king of Israel.

* 1. Chro.
6. 31. and
cha. 16. 7.
and 25, 1.

11 And they sung together by course, in praising, and giuing thanks vnto the LORD; Because hee is good, for his mercy endureth for euer towards Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shoute, when they praised the LORD; because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laide.

12 But many of the Priests and Leuites, and chiefe of the fathers, who *were* ancient men, that had seene the first house; when the foundation of this house was laide before their eyes, wept with a loude voice, and many shouted aloude for ioy:

13 So that the people could not discerne the noyse of the shout of ioy, from the noyse of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loude shout, and the noyse was heard afarre off.

CHAP. III.

1 The aduersaries, being not accepted in the building of the Temple with the Iewes, endeauour to hinder it. 7 Their Letter to Artaxerxes. 17 The decree of Artaxerxes. 23 The building is hindred.

† *Hebr. the sonnes of the transportation.*

NOW when the aduersaries of Iudah and Benjamin, heard that †the children of the captiuitie builded the Temple vnto the LORD God of Israel:

2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chiefe of the fathers, and said vnto them, Let vs build with you, for wee seeke your God, as yee *doe*, and we

doe sacrifice vnto him, since the dayes of Esar-Haddon king of Assur, which brought vs vp hither.

3 But Zerubbabel and Ieshua, and the rest of the chiefe of the fathers of Israel, said vnto them, You haue nothing to doe with vs, to build an house vnto our God, but we our selues together will build vnto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the King of Persia hath commanded vs.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the handes of the people of Iudah, and troubled them in building,

5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the dayes of Cyrus king of Persia, euen vntill the reigne of Darius king of Persia.

6 And in the reigne os †Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reigne, wrote they vnto him an accusation against the inhabitants of Iudah and Ierusalem. † Heb. Ahasuerosh.

7 ¶ And in the dayes of Artaxerxes wrote ¶ Bishlam, ¶ Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their † companions, vnto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue. ¶ Or, in peace. † Heb. societies.

8 Rehum the Chancellour, and Shimshai the ¶ Scribe, wrote a letter against Ierusalem, to Artaxerxes the king, in this sort: ¶ Or, Secretarie.

9 Then, wrote Rehum the Chancellour, and Shimshai the Scribe, and the rest of their † companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathkites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archeutes, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehauites, and the Elamites, † Chald. societies.

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar brought ouer, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest that are on this side the Riuer, † and at such a time. † Chal. Cheeneth.

11 ¶ This is the copy of the Letter, that they sent vnto him, euen vnto Artaxerxes the king: Thy seruants on this side the Riuer, and at such a time,

12 Be it knowen vnto the king, that the Iewes which came vp from thee to vs, are come vnto Ierusalem, building the rebellious and the bad citie, and haue ¶ set vp the walles thereof, and † ioyned the foundations. ¶ Or, finished † Chal. sowed together.

13 Be it knowen now vnto the king, that if this city be builded, and the wals set vp againe, then will they not † pay tolle, tribute, and custome, and so thou shalt † Chal. giue.

|| Or,
strength.
† Chal. we
are salted
with the
salt of the
palace.

shalt endamage the ||reuenue of the kings.

14 Now because we †haue maintenance *from the Kings* palace, and it was not meete for vs to see the kings dishonour: therefore haue we sent, and certified the king,

† Cald.
made.
† Chald. in
the midst
thereof.

15 That search may be made in the booke of the Records of thy fathers: so shalt thou finde in the booke of the Records, and know, that this City *is* a rebellious city, and hurtfull vnto Kings and prouinces, and that they haue †moued sedition †within the same of olde time: for which cause was this citie destroyed.

16 We certifie the king, that if this citie be builded *again*e, & the walles thereof set vp: by this meanes, thou shalt haue no portion on this side the Riuer.

† Chal. so-
cieties.

17 ¶ Then sent the king an answer vnto Rehum the Chancellour, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their †companions, that dwell in Samaria, and vnto the rest beyond the Riuer, Peace, and at such a time.

18 The letter, which ye sent vnto vs, hath bene plainly read before me.

† Chald. by
me a decree
is set.
† Chald.
lifted vp it
selfe.

19 And †I commaunded, and search hath bene made, and it is found, that this citie of old time hath †made insurrection against Kings, and that rebellion & sedition haue bene made therein.

20 There haue bene mighty Kings also ouer Ierusalem, which haue ruled ouer all *countrie*s beyond the Riuer, and tolle, tribute, and custome, was payd vnto them.

† Chal.
make a
decree.

21 †Giue ye now commandement, to cause these men to cease, and that this citie be not builded, vntill *another* commandement shall be giuen from me.

22 Take heed now that ye faile not to doe this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

† Chald. by
arme and
power.

23 ¶ Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes letter was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went vp in haste to Ierusalem, vnto the Iewes, and made them to cease, by †force and power.

24 Then ceased the woorke of the house of the God, which *is* at Ierusalem. So it ceased, vnto the second yeere of the reigne of Darius king of Persia.

CHAP. V.

1 Zerubbabel and Shealtiel, incited by Haggai and Zacharie, set forward the building of the

Temple. 3 Tatnai and Shether Boznai could not hinder the Iewes.

6 Their letter to Darius against the Iewes.

THen the Prophets, * Haggai the Prophet, and Zechariah ^{* Agge. 1. I. zach. 1. I.} the sonne of Iddo, prophesied vnto the Iewes that *were* in Iudah and Ierusalem, in the Name of the God of Israel, *euen* vnto them.

2 Then rose vp Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshua the sonne of Iozadak, and began to build the house of God which *is* at Ierusalem: and with them *were* the Prophets of God helping them.

3 ¶ At the same time came to them Tatnai, gouernour on this side the Riuer, and Shethar-Boznai, and their companions, and said thus vnto them; Who hath commaunded you to build this house, and to make vp this wall?

4 Then said wee vnto them after this maner, What are the names of the men † that make this building?

5 But the eye of their God was vpon the Elders of the Iewes, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answeere by letter concerning this *matter*. ^{† Chald. that build this building.}

6 ¶ The copy of the letter that Tatnai, gouernour on this side the Riuer, and Shethar-Boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which *were* on this side the Riuer, sent vnto Darius the King:

7 They sent a letter vnto him, † wherein was written thus: ^{† Chald. in the midst whereof.} Vnto Darius the king, all peace.

8 Be it knowen vnto the king, that we went into the prouince of Iudea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with † great stones, & timber is laied in the wals, ^{† Chald. stones of roling.} and this worke goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then asked we those Elders, *and* said vnto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make vp these walles?

10 We asked their names also, to certifie thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chiefe of them.

11 And thus they returned vs answeere, saying, We are the seruants of the God of heauen and earth, and build the house that was builded these many yeeres agoe, which a great King of Israel builded, * and set vp. ^{* 1. King. 6. 1.}

* 2. Kings
24. 2. and
25. 8.

* Ezra. I. I.

12 But after that our fathers had prouoked the God of heauen vnto wrath: he gaue them into the hande of *Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Caldean, who destroyed this house, and caried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first yere of *Cyrus the king of Babylon, *the same* king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

* Ezra I.
18 and 6. 5.
||Or, deputy

14 And the vessels also of golde and siluer of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar tooke out of the Temple that *was* in Ierusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were deliuered vnto one, *whose name *was* Sheshbazzar, whome he had made ||gouernour:

15 And said vnto him, Take these vessels, goe, carie them into the temple that is in Ierusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of the house of God, which *is* in Ierusalem. And since that time, euen vntill now, hath it bin in building, & *yet* it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if it *seeme* good to the king, let there be search made in the kings treasure house which *is* there at Babylon, whether it be *so* that a decree was made of Cyrus the king, to build this house of God at Ierusalem: and let the king send his pleasure to vs concerning this matter.

CHAP. VI.

1 Darius finding the decree of Cyrus, maketh a new decree for the aduancement of the building. 13 By the helpe of the enemies, and the directions of the prophets, the Temple is finished. 16 The feast of the Dedication is kept. 19 And the Passeouer.

† Chalde,
bookes.

† Chalde,
made to descend.

||Or, Ecba-
tana, or in
a coffer.

THen Darius the King made a decree, and search was made in the house of the †rolles, where the treasures were †laide vp in Babylon.

2 And there was found at ||Achmetha, in the palace that *is* in the prouince of the Medes, a rolle, and therein was a record thus written:

3 In the first yeere of Cyrus the king, the *same* Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Ie-

rusalem: Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid, the height therof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubites:

4 *With* three rowes of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expences bee giuen out of the kings house.

5 And also let the golden, and siluer vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar tooke foorth out of the temple which *is* at Ierusalem, and brought vnto Babylon, be restored, and †brought againe vnto the temple which *is* at Ierusalem, †*Chalde,*
euery one to his place, and place *them* in the house of God. †*go.*

6 Now *therefore* Tatnai, gouernour beyond the riuer, Shethar-Boznai, and †your companions the Apharsachites, †*Chalde,*
which *are* beyond the riuer, be ye farre from thence: †*their socie-*
ties.

7 Let the worke of this house of God alone, let the gouernour of the Iewes, and the elders of the Iewes, build this house of God in his place.

8 Moreouer †I make a decree, what ye shall doe to the †*Chalde,*
Elders of these Iewes, for the building of this house of God: †*by me a*
that of the kings goods, euen of the tribute beyond the riuer, †*decree is*
forthwith expences be giuen vnto these men, that they be †*made.*
not †hindered.

9 And that which they haue need of, both yong bullocks, †*Chalde,*
and rammes, and lambes, for the burnt offerings of the God †*made to*
of heauen, wheat, salt, wine, and oyle, according to the †*cease.*
appoyment of the priests which *are* at Ierusalem, let it be giuen them, day by day without faile:

10 That they may offer sacrifices †of sweet sauours vnto †*Chalde, of*
the God of heauen, and pray for the life of the king, and of †*rest.*
his sonnes.

11 Also I haue made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set vp, let him bee †hanged thereon, and let his house †*Chalde,*
bee made a dounge hill for this. †*let him be*
destroyed.

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there, destroy all kings and people that shall put to their hand, to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which *is* at Ierusalem. I Darius haue made a decree, let it be done with speed.

13 ¶ Then Tatnai gouernour on this side the riuer, Shethar-Boznai, & their
com-

companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Iewes builded, and they prospered, through the prophecy of Haggai the Prophet, and Zechariah the sonne of Iddo, and they builded, and finished it, according to the commandement of the God of Israel, and according to the †commandement of Cyrus and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

† Chald.
Decree.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixt yere of the reigne of Darius the king.

16 ¶ And the children of Israel, the Priests and the Leuites, and the rest of †the children of the captiuitie, kept the dedicatiō of this house of God, with ioy,

† Chald.
the sonnes
of the
transportation.

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God, an hundred bullockes, two hundred rammes, foure hundred lambes; and for a sinne offering for all Israel, twelue hee goates, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the Priests in their diuisions, and the Leuites in their courses, for the seruice of God, which *is* at Ierusalem, †*as it is written in the booke of Moses.

† Chald.
according
to the
writing.

19 And the children of the captiuitie kept the Passeouer, vpon the fourteenth *day* of the first moneth:

* Num. 3.
6. and 8. 9.

20 For the Priestes and the Leuites were purified together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the Passeouer for all the children of the captiuitie, and for their brethren the Priests, and for themselues.

21 And the children of Israel, which were come againe out of captiuitie, and all such as had separated themselues vnto them, from the filthinesse of the heathen of the land, to seeke the LORD God of Israel, did eate,

22 And kept the feast of vnleauened bread seuen dayes, with ioy: for the LORD had made them ioyfull, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria vnto them, to strengthen their handes in the worke of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAP. VII.

1 Ezra goeth vp to Ierusalem. 11 The gracious commission of Artaxerxes to Ezra. 27 Ezra blesseth God for his fauour.

NOW after these things, in the reigne of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the sonne of Azariah, the sonne of Hilkiah,

2 The sonne of Shallum, the sonne of Zadok, the sonne of Ahitub,

3 The sonne of Amariah, the sonne of Azariah, the sonne of Meraioth,

4 The sonne of Zeraiah, the sonne of Vzzi, the sonne of Bukki,

5 The sonne of Abishua, the sonne of Phinehas, the sonne of Eleazar, the sonne of Aaron the chiefe Priest:

6 This Ezra went vp from Babylon, and hee *was* a ready Scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had giuen: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God vpon him.

7 And there went vp *some* of the children of Israel, and of the Priests, and the Leuites, and the Singers, and the Porters, and the Nethinims, vnto Ierusalem, in the seuenth yeere of Artaxerxes the king.

8 And he came to Ierusalem in the fifth moneth, which *was* in the seuenth yeere of the king.

9 For vpon the first *day* of the first moneth, †began he to go vp frō Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth moneth, came he to Ierusalem, according to the good hand of his God vpon him. †*He was the foundation of the going vp.*

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seeke the Law of the LORD, and to doe *it*, and to teach in Israel, Statutes and Iudgements.

11 ¶ Now this *is* the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gaue vnto Ezra the Priest, the Scribe, *euen* a Scribe of the words of the commandements of the LORD, and of his Statutes to Israel.

12 Artaxerxes king of kings, ¶ Vnto Ezra the Priest, a Scribe of the Law of the God of heauen, Perfect *peace*, and at such a time. †*Or, to Ezra the Priest a perfite*

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his Priests, and Leuites in my Realme, which are minded of their owne free-will to goe vp to Ierusalem, goe with thee. †*Scribe of the Lawe of the God of heauen, Peace, &c.*

14 Forasmuch as thou art sent †of the king, and of his *seuen counsellors, to enquire concerning Iudah and Ierusalem, according to the Lawe of thy God, which *is* in thine hand; †*Chal. from before the King.*

Uu 3

15 And *Esth. i.

15 And to cary the siluer and gold, which the king and his counsellors haue freely offered vnto the God of Israel, whose habitation *is* in Ierusalem.

* Chap. 8. 25. 16 * And all the siluer and gold, that thou canst find in all the prouince of Babylon, with the free-will offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God, which *is* in Ierusalem:

17 That thou maiest buy speedily with this money, bullockes, rammes, lambes, with their meate offerings, and their drinke offerings, and offer them vpon the altar of the house of your God, which *is* in Ierusalem.

18 And whatsoever shall seeme good to thee, and to thy brethren, to doe with the rest of the siluer and gold; that doe, after the will of your God.

19 The vessels also that are giuen thee, for the seruice of the house of thy God, those deliuer thou before the God of Ierusalem.

20 And whatsoever more shall be needfull for the house of thy God, which thou shalt haue occasion to bestowe; bestowe it out of the kings treasure house.

21 And I, *euen* I Artaxerxes the king, doe make a decree to all the treasurers which *are* beyond the riuer, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heauen, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

† Chald.: Cores. 22 Vnto an hundred talents of siluer, and to an hundred † measures of wheate, and to an hundred bathes of wine, and to an hundred bathes of oyle, and salt, without prescribing *how much*.

† Heb. *whatsoever is of the decree*. 23 † Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heauen, let it be diligently done, for the house of the God of heauen: for why should there be wrath against the realme of the king and his sonnæs?

24 Also we certifie you, that touching any of the priests, and Leuites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawfull to impose tolle, tribute, or custome vpon them.

25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdome of thy God, that *is* in thine hand, set magistrates and iudges, which may iudge all the people, that *are* beyond the riuer, all such as know the lawes of thy God, and teach yee them that knowe *them* not.

26 And whosoever will not doe the

law of thy God, and the law of the king, let iudgement be executed speedily vpon him, whether it be vnto death, or to †banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment. †*Chald. to rooting out.*

27 ¶ Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put *such a thing* as this, in the kings heart, to beautifie the house of the LORD which *is* in Ierusalem :

28 And hath extended mercy vnto me, before the king and his counsellors, and before all the kings mighty princes, and I was strengthned as the hand of the LORD my God *was* vpon me, and I gathered together out of Israel, chiefe men to goe vp with me.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The companions of Ezra, who returned from Babylon. 15 He sendeth to Iddo for ministers for the Temple. 21 He keepeth a fast. 24 He committeth the treasures to the custodie of the Priests. 31 From Ahaua they come to Ierusalem. 33 The treasure is weighed in the Temple. 36 The commission is deliuered.

THese *are* now the chiefe of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogie of them that went vp with mee from Babylon, in the reigne of Artaxerxes the king.

2 Of the sonnes of Phinehas, Gershom : of the sonnes of Ithamar, Daniel : of the sonnes of Dauid, Hattush.

3 Of the sonnes of Shechaniah, of the sonnes of Pharosh, Zechariah, and with him were reckoned, by genealogie of the males, an hundred and fiftie.

4 Of the sonnes of Pahath-Moab, Elihoenai the sonne of Zerariah : and with him, two hundred males.

5 Of the sonnes of Shechaniah, the sonne of Iahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sonnes also of Adin, Ebed the sonne of Jonathan, and with him fiftie males.

7 And of the sonnes of Elam, Ieshaiah the sonne of Athaliah, and with him seuentie males.

8 And of the sonnes of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the sonne of Michael, and with him fourescore males.

9 Of the sonnes of Ioab, Obadiah the sonne of Iehiel : and with him two hundred and eightene males.

10 And

10 And of the sonnes of Shelomith, the sonne of Iosiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males.

11 And of the sonnes of Bebai, Zechariah the sonne of Bebai, and with him twenty and eight males.

|| *Or, the
youngest
son.*

12 And of the sonnes of Azgad, Iohanan ||the sonne of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

13 And of the last sonnes of Adonikam, whose names *are* these: Eliphelet, Iehiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.

|| *Or, Zaccur, as
some read.*

14 Of the sonnes also of Biguai, Vthai, and ||Zabbud, and with them seuentie males.

|| *Or,
pitched.*

15 ¶ And I gathered them together to the riuer, that runneth to Ahaua, and there ||abode wee in tents three dayes: and I viewed the people, and the Priests, and found there none of the sonnes of Leui.

16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Iarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chiefe men; also for Iarib, and for Elnathan, men of vnderstanding.

† *Hebr. I
put words
in their
mouth.*

17 And I sent them with commandement vnto Iddo the chiefe at the place Casiphia, and I ||told them what they should say vnto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring vnto vs ministers for the house of our God.

18 And by the good hand of our God vpon vs, they brought vs a man of vnderstanding, of the sonnes of Mahli the sonne of Leui, the sonne of Israel, and Sherebiah, with his sonnes, and his brethren, eighteene.

19 And Hashabiah, and with him Ieshaiah of the sonnes of Merari, his brethren, and their sonnes, twentie.

* *See Chap.
2. 43.*

20 * Also of the Nethinims, whom David, and the Princes had appointed for the seruice of the Leuites, two hundred and twentie Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

21 ¶ Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the riuer Ahaua, that we might afflict our selues before our God, to seeke of him a right way for vs, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of souldiers and horsmen, to helpe vs against the enemy in the way: because wee had spoken vnto

the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* vpon all them for good, that seeke him, but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted, and besought our God for this, and hee was intreated of vs.

24 ¶ Then I separated twelue of the chiefe of the Priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed vnto them the siluer and the gold, and the vessels, *euen* the offering of the house of our God, which the king and his counsellours, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered :

26 I euen weighed vnto their hand, sixe hundred and fifty talents of siluer, and siluer vessels an hundred talents, and of gold an hundred talents :

27 Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drammes, and two vessels of †fine copper, †precious as gold.

28 And I said vnto them, Yee are holy vnto the LORD, the vessels are holy also, and the siluer and the gold *are* a free-will offering vnto the LORD God of your fathers.

29 Watch ye, and keepe *them*, vntill yee weigh *them* before the chiefe of the Priests, and the Leuites, and chiefe of the fathers of Israel at Ierusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 So tooke the Priests and the Leuites the weight of the siluer and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Ierusalem, vnto the house of our God.

31 ¶ Then wee departed from the riuer of Ahaua, on the twelfth *day* of the first moneth, to goe vnto Ierusalem ; and the hand of our God was vpon vs, and hee deliuered vs from the hand of the enemye, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

32 And we came to Ierusalem, and abode there three dayes.

33 ¶ Now on the fourth day was the siluer and the gold, and the vessels weighed in the house of our God, by the hand of Meremoth the sonne of Vriah the Priest, and with him *was* Eleazar the sonne of Phinehas, and with them *was* Iozabad the sonne of Ieshua, and Noadiah the sonne of Binnui, Leuites :

34 By number, *and* by weight of euery

† *Hebr.*
yellow or
shining
brasse.
† *Hebr. de-*
sireable.

uery one: and all the weight was written at that time.

35 *Also* the children of those that had bene caried away which were come out of the captiuitie, offered burnt offerings vnto the God of Israel, twelue bullocks for all Israel, ninetie and sixe rammes, seuentie and seuen lambes, twelue hee goates for a sinne offering: All *this was* a burnt offering vnto the LORD.

36 ¶ And they deliuered the Kings commissions vnto the kings lieuteuants, and to the gouernours on this side the riuier, and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.

1 Ezra mourneth for the affinitie of the people with strangers. 5 He prayeth vnto God with confession of sinnes.

NOwe when these things were done, the Princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests and the Leuites, haue not separated themselues from the people of the lands, *doing* according to their abominations, *euē* of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Iebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For they haue taken of their daughters for themselues, and for their sonnes: so that the holy seed haue mingled themselues with the people of *those* lands, yea the hand of the princes and rulers hath bin chiefe in this trespasse.

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and pluckt off the haire of my head, and of my beard, and sate downe astonied.

4 Then were assembled vnto me euery one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had bene caried away, and I sate astonied, vntill the euening sacrifice.

5 ¶ And at the euening sacrifice, I arose vp from my
 ¶ *Or, affliction.* heauinesse, and hauing rent my garment and my mantle, I fell vpon my knees, and spread out my hands vnto the LORD my God,

6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed, and blush to lift vp my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased
 ¶ *Or, guiltinesse.* ouer our head, and our ¶ trespasse is

growen vp vnto the heauens.

7 Since the dayes of our fathers, *haue* wee *beene* in a great trespasse vnto this day, & for our iniquities haue we, our kings and our priests, bin deliuered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captiuitie, and to a spoile, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day.

8 And now for a †litle space grace hath bene shewed from the LORD our God, to leaue vs a remnant to escape, and to giue vs ‖a ‖naile in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and giue vs a litle reuiuing in our bondage:

9 For wee *were* bondmen, yet our God hath not forsaken vs in our bondage, but hath extended mercie vnto vs in the sight of the kings of Persia, to giue vs a reuiuing to set vp the house of our God, and †to reparaire the desolations thereof, and to giue vs a wall in Iudah and in Ierusalem.

10 And now, O our God, what shal we say after this? for we haue forsaken thy commandements,

11 Which thou hast commanded by †thy seruants the prophets, saying, *The land vnto which ye go to possesse it, is an vncleane land, with the filthinesse of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which haue filled it †from one end to another, with their vncleannesse.

12 Nowe therefore giue not your daughters vnto their sonnes, neither take their daughters vnto your sonnes, nor seeke their peace or their wealth for euer: that ye may bee strong, and eate the good of the land, and leaue *it* for an inheritance to your children for euer.

13 And after all that is come vpon vs, for our euill deeds, and for our great trespasse, seeing that thou, our God, †hast punished vs lesse, then our iniquities *deserue*, and hast giuen vs *such* deliuerance as this:

14 Should wee againe breake thy commandements, and ioyne in affinitie with the people of these abominations? wouldest thou not be angry with vs, til thou haddest consumed vs, so that there should be no remnant, nor escaping?

15 O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous, for wee remaine yet escaped, as *it is* this day: Behold, we *are* before thee in our trespasses: for wee can not stand before thee, because of this.

†Hebr. moment.

‖ Or, a pinne
‖ That is, a constant and sure abode.

†Heb. to set vp.

†Heb. by the hand of thy seruants.
*Exod. 23. 32. deut. 7.

†Heb. from mouth to mouth.

†Heb. hast withheld beneath our iniquities.

CHAP.

CHAP. X.

1 Shechaniah encourageth Ezra to reforme the strange mariages.
 6 Ezra mourning, assembleth the people. 9 The people at the exhortation of Ezra, repent and promise amendment. 15 The care to performe it. 18 The names of them who had married strange wiues.

NOW when Ezra had praied, and when he had confessed, weeping, and casting himselfe downe before the house of God, there assembled vnto him out of Israel, a very great congregation of men, and women, and children: for the people †wept very sore.

† Hebr.
 wept a
 great weeping.

2 And Shechaniah the sonne of Iehiel, *one* of the sonnes of Elam, answered and said vnto Ezra, Wee haue trespassed against our God, and haue taken strange wiues, of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

† Hebr. to
 bring
 forth.

3 Now therefore let vs make a couenant with our God, †to put away all the wiues, & such as are borne of them, according to the counsell of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandement of our God, and lee it be done according to the Law.

4 Arise, for this matter *belongeth* vnto thee, wee also *will be* with thee: be of good courage, and doe *it*.

5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chiefe Priests, the Leuites, and all Israel to sweare, that they should doe according to this word: and they sware.

6 ¶ Then Ezra rose vp from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Iohanan, the sonne of Eliashib: and *when* hee came thither, hee did eate no bread, nor drinke water: for hee mourned because of the transgression of them that had bene caried away.

7 And they made Proclamation throughout Iudah and Ierusalem, vnto all the children of the captiuitie, that they should gather themselues together vnto Ierusalem;

8 And that whosoever would not come within three dayes, according to the counsell of the Princes, and the Elders, all his substance should be †forfeited, and himselfe separated from the congregation of those that had bene caried away.

† Heb. devoted.

9 ¶ Then all the men of Iudah and Benjamin, gathered
 themselues

together vnto Ierusalem, within three dayes: it *was* the ninth moneth, on the twentieth *day* of the moneth, and all the people sate in the streete of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for † the great raine.

† *Hebr. the showres.*

10 And Ezra the Priest stood vp, and said vnto them, Yee haue transgressed, and † haue taken strange wiues, to encrease the trespasse of Israel.

† *Hebr. haue*

11 Now therefore make confession vnto the LORD God of your fathers, and doe his pleasure: and separate your selues from the people of the land, and from the strange wiues.

caused to dwel, or haue brought backe.

12 Then all the congregation answered, and said with a loude voice, As thou hast said, so must we doe:

13 But the people are many, and it *is* a time of much raine, and we are not able to stand without; neither is this a worke of one day or two: for || wee are many that haue transgressed in this thing.

|| *Or, wee haue*

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which haue taken strange wiues in our cities, come at appointed times, & with them the Elders of euery citie, and the Iudges thereof; vntill the fierce wrath of our God || for this matter, be turned from vs.

greatly offended in this thing.

15 ¶ Onely Jonathan the sonne of Asahel, and Iahaziah the sonne of Tikuah, † were employed about this matter: and Meshullam, and Shabbethai the Leuite, helped them.

|| *Or, till this matter be dis-*

16 And the children of the captiuitie did so: and Ezra the Priest, *with* certaine chiefe of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were separated, and sate downe in the first day of the tenth moneth to examine the matter.

† *Heb. stood.*

17 And they made an ende, with all the men that had taken strange wiues, by the first day of the first moneth.

18 ¶ And among the sonnes of the Priestes, there were found that had taken strange wiues: namely, of the sons of Ieshua the sonne of Iozadak, and his brethren, Maasiah, and Eliezer, and Iarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they gaue their hands, that they would put away their wiues: and being guiltie, *they offered* a ramme of the flocke for their trespasse.

20 And of the sonnes of Immer, Hanani, and Zebadiah:

21 And

21 And of the sonnes of Harim, Maasiah, and Eliiah, and Shemaiah, and Iehiel, and Vziah.

22 And of the sonnes of Pashur: Elioenai, Maasiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Iozabad and Elash.

23 Also of the Leuites: Iozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (the same is Kelitah) Pethahiah, Iudah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers also, Eliashib; and of the porters, Shallum, and Telem, and Vri.

25 Moreouer of Israel, of the sonnes of Parosh, Ramiah, and Iesiah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the sonnes of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Iehiel, and Abdi, and Ieremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sonnes of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Ieremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the sonnes also of Bebai: Iehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, & Athlai.

29 And of the sonnes of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Iashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of the sonnes of Pahath Moab: Adna, aud Chelal,
Benaiah,

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CHAP. I.

1 Nehemiah, vnderstanding by Hanani, the misery of Ierusalem, mourneth, fasteth and prayeth. 5 His prayer.

THe words of Nehemiah the sonne of Hachaliah. And it came to passe in the moneth Chisleu, in the twentieth yeere, as I was in Shushan the palace;

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren came, he and *certaine*
men of Iudah, and

Maasiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And of the sonnes of Harim: Eliezer, Ishiah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah.

33 Of the sonnes of Hashum: Mattenai, Mattatha, Zabad, Eliphelet, Ieremai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei.

34 Of the sonnes of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Vel,

35 Benaiah, Bedaiah, Chelluh,

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Iaasau,

38 And Bani, and Benui, Shimei,

39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah,

40 || Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, *and* Ioseph.

43 Of the sonnes of Nebo, Iehiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Iadau, and Ioel, Benaiah.

44 All these had taken strange wiues: and some of them *bad* wiues, by whom they had children.

|| Or, Machnadebai, according to some copies.

BOOKE OF Nehemiah.

I asked them concerning the Iewes that had escaped, which were left of the captiuitie, and concerning Ierusalem.

3 And they said vnto me, The remnant that are left of the captiuitie there in the prouince, *are* in great affliction and reproch: the wall of Ierusalem also * is broken downe, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire. * 2. King. 25. 9.

4 ¶ And it came to passe when I heard these words, that I sate downe and wept, and mourned *certaine* dayes, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heauen,

5 And said, I beseech thee, * O LORD God of heauen, the great and terrible * Dan. 9. 4.

terrible God, that keepeth couenant and mercie for them that loue him, and obserue his commandements:

6 Let thine eare now be attentiuē, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest heare the prayer of thy seruānt, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy seruānts, and confesse the sinnes of the children of Israel, which wee haue sinned against thee: both I, and my fathers house haue sinned.

7 We haue dealt very corruptly against thee, and haue not kept the commandements, nor the statutes, nor the iudgements, which thou commandedst thy seruānt Moses.

8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy seruānt Moses, saying, * *If yee transgresse, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:*

9 But *if ye turne vnto me, and keepe my commandements,* and doe them: * *though there were of you cast out vnto the vttermost part of the heauen, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them vnto the place that I haue chosen, to set my Name there.*

10 Now these *are* thy seruānts, and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

11 O LORD, I beseech thee, let now thine eare be attentiuē to the prayer of thy seruānt, and to the prayer of thy seruānts, who desire to feare thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy seruānt this day, and grant him mercie in the sight of this man. For I was the kings cup-bearer.

CHAP. II.

1 Artaxerxes vnderstanding the cause of Nehemiahs sadnesse, sendeth him with letters and commission to Ierusalem. 9 Nehemiah, to the grieve of the enemies, commeth to Ierusalem. 12 Hee vieweth secretly the ruines of the walles. 17 He inciteth the Iewes to build in despite of the enemies.

ANd it came to passe, in the moneth Nisan, in the twentieth yeere of Artaxerxes the king, *that wine was* before him: and I tooke vp the wine, and gaue *it* vnto the King: now I had not bene *beforetime* sad in his presence.

2 Wherefore the king said vnto me, Why is thy countenance sadde, seeing thou art not sicke? this *is* nothing *else* but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

3 And said vnto the king, Let the king liue for euer: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers Sepulchres, lyeth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

4 Then the king said vnto me, For what doest thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heauen.

5 And I said vnto the king, If it please the king, and if thy seruant haue found fauour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me vnto Iudah vnto the City of my fathers sepulchres, that I may build it.

6 And the king saide vnto mee (the † Queene also sitting by † *Hebr.* him) For how long shall thy iourney bee? and when wilt *wife.* thou returne? So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a time.

7 Moreouer I saide vnto the king, If it please the king, let letters be giuen mee to the gouernours beyond the Riuer, that they may conuey me ouer, till I come into Iudah;

8 And a letter vnto Asaph the keeper of the kings forrest, that he may giue me timber to make beames for the gates of the palace which *appertained* to the house, and for the wall of the Citie, and for the house that I shall enter into: And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God vpon me.

9 ¶ Then I came to the gouernours beyond the riuer, and gaue them the kings letters: (now the king had sent capitaines of the army, and horsemen with me.)

10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the seruant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, that there was come a man, to seeke the welfare of the children of Israel.

11 So I came to Ierusalem, and was there three dayes.

12 ¶ And I arose in the night, I, and some few men with mee, neither tolde I any man what God had put in my heart to doe at Ierusalem: neither was there any beast with mee, saue the beast that I rode vpon.

13 And I went out by night, by the gate of the valley, euen
before the dra-
gon

gon well, and to the dounge-port, and viewed the walls of Ierusalem, which were broken downe, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.

14 Then I went on to the gate of the fountaine, and to the kings poole: but there was no place for the beast that was vnder me, to passe.

15 Then went I vp in the night by the brooke, and viewed the wall, and turned backe, and entred by the gate of the valley, and so returned.

16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did, neither had I as yet tolde it to the Iewes, nor to the Priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the worke.

17 ¶ Then said I vnto them, Yee see the distresse that we are in, how Ierusalem lieth waste, and the gates therof are burnt with fire: come, and let vs builde vp the wall of Ierusalem, that we be no more a reproch.

18 Then I told them of the hand of my God, which was good vpon me; as also the kings wordes that he had spoken vnto me. And they said, Let vs rise vp and builde. So they strengthened their hands for this good worke.

19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the seruant the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian heard it, they laughed vs to scorne, and despised vs, and said, What is this thing that yee doe? will ye rebell against the king?

20 Then answered I them, and said vnto them, The God of heauen, he will prosper vs, therefore wee his seruants will arise and build: But you haue no portion, nor right, nor memoriall in Ierusalem.

CHAP. III.

1 The names and order of them that builded the wall.

Then Eliashib the hie priest, rose vp with his brethren the Priests, and they built the sheepe-gate, they sanctified it, & set vp the doores of it, euen vnto the towre of Meah they sanctified it, vnto the towre of * Hananeel.

2 And †next vnto him builded the men of Iericho: and next to them builded Zaccur the sonne of Imri.

3 But the fish-gate did the sonnes of Hassenaah build, who also laide the beames thereof, and set vp the doores

* Iere. 3.

38.

† Hebr. at
his hand.

thereof, the locks therof, and the barres thereof.

4 And next vnto them repaired Merimoth the son of Vriah, the sonne of Koz: and next vnto them repaired Meshullam the sonne of Berechiah, the sonne of Meshezabeel: and next vnto them repaired Zadok the sonne of Baana.

5 And next vnto them, the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their neckes to the worke of their LORD.

6 Moreouer the olde gate repaired Iehoiada the sonne of Paseah, and Meshullam the sonne of Besodaiah; they laid the beames thereof, and set vp the doores thereof, and the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

7 And next vnto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Iadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, vnto the throne of the gouernour on this side the Riuer.

8 Next vnto him repaired Vzziel the sonne of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths: next vnto him also repaired Hananiah, the sonne of *one of* the Apothecaries, and they || fortified Ierusalem vnto the broad wall. *|| Or, left Ierusalem vnto the broad wall.*

9 And next vnto them repaired Rephaiah the sonne of Hur, the ruler of the halfe part of Ierusalem.

10 And next vnto them repaired Iedaiah the sonne of Harumaph, euen ouer against his house: and next vnto him repaired Hattush the sonne of Hashabniah.

11 Malchiah the sonne of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab, repaired the † other piece, & the towre of † the furnaces. *† Hebr. second measure.*

12 And next vnto him repaired Shallum the sonne of Halloesh the ruler of the halfe part of Ierusalem, hee, and his daughters.

13 The valley-gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set vp the doores thereof, the lockes therof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall, vnto the dounge-gate.

14 But the dounge-gate repaired Malchiah the sonne of Rechab, the ruler of part of Beth-haccerem: hee built it, and set vp the doores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof.

15 But the gate of the fountaine repaired Shallum the sonne of Col-hozeh, the ruler of part of Mizpah: hee built

built it, and couered it, and set vp the doores thereof, the lockes thereof, and the barres thereof, and the wall of the poole of *Siloah by the kings garden, and vnto the staires that goe downe from the citie of Dauid.

* Iohn 9.
7.

16 After him repaired Nehemiah the sonne of Azbuk, the ruler of the halfe part of Beth-zur, vnto the *place* ouer against the sepulchres of Dauid, and to the poole that was made, *and vnto the house of the mightie.

* 2. King.
20. 20.

17 After him repaired the Leuites, Rehum the sonne of Bani: next vnto him repaired Hashabiah the ruler of the halfe part of Keilah in his part.

18 After him repaired their brethren, Bauai, the sonne of Henadad the ruler of the halfe part of Keilah.

19 And next to him repaired Ezer the sonne of Ieshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece, ouer against the going vp to the armorie, at the turning *of the wall*.

|| Or, Zac-
cai.

20 After him Baruch the sonne of || Zabbai, earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning of *the wall* vnto the doore of the house of Eliashib the high Priest.

21 After him repaired Merimoth the sonne of Vriiah, the sonne of Koz, another piece, from the doore of the house of Eliashib, euen to the end of the house of Eliashib.

22 And after him repaired the Priests, the men of the plaine.

23 After him repaired Benjamin, and Hashub, ouer against their house: after him repaired Azariah the sonne of Maaseiah, the sonne of Ananiah, by his house.

24 After him repaired Binnui the sonne of Henadad, another piece from the house of Azariah, vnto the turning *of the wall*, euen vnto the corner.

25 Palal the sonne of Vzai, ouer against the turning of *the wall*, and the tower which lyeth out, from the kings hie house, that was by the *court of the prison: after him, Pedaiah the sonne of Parosh.

* Iere. 32.
2.

* 2. Chron.
27. 3.
|| Or, the
tower.

26 Moreouer the Nethinims dwelt in * || Ophel, vnto *the place* ouer against the water gate, toward the East, and the tower that lieth out.

27 After them the Tekoites repaired another piece, ouer against the great tower that lieth out, euen vnto the wall of Ophel.

28 From aboue the horsegate repaired the Priests, euery one ouer against his house.

29 After them repaired Zadok the sonne of Immer, ouer against his house: after him repaired also Shemaiah, the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East-gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah the sonne of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth sonne of Zalaph, another piece: after him repaired Meshullam, the sonne of Berechiah ouer against his chamber.

31 After him repaired Malchiah, the goldsmiths sonne, vnto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, ouer against the gate Miphkad, and to the going vp of the || corner.

|| Or, corner
chamber.

32 And betweene the going vp of the corner vnto the sheepe-gate, repaired the gold-smithes and the merchants.

CHAP. IIII.

1 While the enemies scoffe, Nehemiah prayeth and continueth the worke. 7 Vnderstanding the wrath and secrets of the enemy, hee setteth a watch. 13 Hee armeth the labourers, 19 and giueth military precepts.

BVt it came to passe, that when Sanballat heard, that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and tooke great indignation, and mocked the Iewes.

2 And he spake before his brethren, and the army of Samaria, and said, What doe these feeble Iewes? wil they † fortifie themselues? wil they sacrifice? wil they make an end in a day? wil they reuiue the stones, out of the heapes of the rubbish, which are burnt? † *Hebr. leaue to themselues.*

3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* by him, and he said, Euen that which they build, if a foxe goe vp, he shall euen breake downe their stone wall.

4 Heare, O our God, for we are † despised: and turne their † reproch vpon their owne head, and giue them for a pray, in the land of captiuitie. † *Hebr. despight.*

5 And couer not their iniquitie, and let not their sinne bee blotted out from before thee: for they haue prouoked thee to anger before the builders.

6 So built we the wall, and all the wall was ioyned together vnto the halfe therof: for the people had a minde to worke.

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7 ¶ But

7 ¶ But it came to passe that when Sanballat and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, † *Hebr. ascended.* heard that the walles of Ierusalem † were made vp, and that the breaches began to bee stopped, then they were very wroth,

8 And conspired all of them together, to come *and* to fight against Ierusalem, and † to hinder it.

† *Hebr. to make an errour to it.* 9 Neuertheles, we made our prayer vnto our God, and set a watch against them, day and night, because of them.

10 And Iudah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and *there is* much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our aduersaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till wee come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the worke to cease.

12 And it came to passe that when the Iewes which dwelt by them, came, they said vnto vs ten times, || From all places, whence yee shall returne vnto vs, *they will be upon you.*

|| *Or, that from all places ye must returne to vs.* 13 ¶ Therefore set I † in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I euen set the people, after their families, with their swords, their speares, and their bowes.

† *Heb. from the lower parts of the place, &c.* 14 And I looked, and rose vp, and said vnto the Nobles, and to the rulers, and to rest of the people, Bee not ye afraid of them: Remember the Lord which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sonnes and your daughters, your wiues & your houses.

15 And it came to passe when our enemies heard that it was knowne vnto vs, and God had brought their counsell to nought, that we returned all of vs to the wall, euery one vnto his worke.

16 And it came to passe from that time forth, that the halfe of my seruants wrought in the worke, and the other halfe of them held both the speares, the shields and the bowes, and the habergeons, and the rulers *were* behind all the house of Iudah.

17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, *euery one* with one of his hands wrought *in* the worke, and with the other *hand* held a weapon.

† *Heb. on his loynes.* 18 For the builders, euery one had his sword girded † by his side, and *so* builded: and he that sounded the trumpet *was* by mee.

19 ¶ And I said vnto the Nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The worke *is* great and large, and wee are separated vpon the wall, one farre from another :

20 In what place therefore ye heare the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither vnto vs: our God shal fight for vs.

21 So wee laboured in the worke: and halfe of them held the speares, from the rising of the morning, til the starres appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I vnto the people, Let euery one, with his seruant, lodge within Ierusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to vs, and labour on the day.

23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my seruants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of vs put off our clothes, || *sauing that* euery one put them off for washing.

|| *Or, euery one went with his weapon for water.*

CHAP. V.

1 The Iewes complaine of their debt, morgage, and bondage. 6 Nehemiah rebuketh the vsurers, and causeth them to make a couenant of restitution. 14 Hee forbeareth his owne allowance, and keepeth hospitalitie.

ANd there was a great crie of the people, and of their wiues, against their brethren the Iewes.

2 For there were that said, We, our sonnes, and our daughters are many: therefore wee take vp corne *for them*, that we may eat, and liue.

3 Some also there were that saide, We haue morgaged our landes, vineyards and houses, that we might buy corne, because of the dearth.

4 There were also that said, Wee haue borrowed money for the kings tribute, *and that vpon* our lands and vineyards.

5 Yet now our flesh *is* as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and loe, wee bring into bondage our sonnes and our daughters, to bee seruants, and some of our daughters are brought vnto bondage *already*, neither is it in our power *to redeeme them*: for other men *haue* our lands and vineyards.

6 ¶ And I was very angry, when I heard their crie, and these words.

7 Then † I consulted with my selfe, and Irebuked the Nobles, and the rulers, † *Heb. my heart consulted in me.*

lers, and said vnto them, You exact vsurie, euery one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them:

8 And I said vnto them, We, after our abilitie, haue
 * Leuit. 25. * redeemed our brethren the Iewes, which were sold vnto the
 48. heathen; and will you euen sell your brethren? or shall they be sold vnto vs? Then held they their peace, and found nothing *to answer*.

9 Also I said, It *is* not good that yee doe: ought yee not to walke in the feare of our God, because of the reproch of the heathen our enemies?

10 I likewise, *and* my brethren, and my seruants, might exact of them money and corne: I pray you let vs leaue off this vsurie.

11 Restore, I pray you, to them, euen this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliue-yards, and their houses, also the hundreth part of the money, and of the corne, the wine, and the oyle, that ye exact of them.

12 Then said they, Wee will restore *them*, and will require nothing of them; so will we doe, as thou sayest. Then I called the Priests, and tooke an oath of them, that they should doe according to this promise.

13 Also I shooke my lap, and said, So God shake out euery man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise, euen thus be he shaken out, and †emptied.
 † Heb. empty or void.
 And all the Congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

14 ¶ Moreouer, from the time that I was appointed to be their gouernor in the land of Iudah, from the twentieth yeere euen vnto the two and thirtieth yere of Artaxerxes the king, *that is*, twelue yeres, I and my brethren, haue not eaten the bread of the gouernour:

15 But the former gouernours that *had bene* before me, were chargeable vnto the people, and had taken of them bread, and wine, beside fourtie shekels of siluer, yea euen their seruants bare rule ouer the people: but so did not I, because of the feare of God.

16 Yea also I continued in the worke of this wall, neither bought wee any land: and all my seruants were gathered thither vnto the worke.

17 Moreouer, there were at my table, an hundred and fiftie of the Iewes and rulers, besides those that came vn-

to vs from among the heathen that *are* about vs.

18 Now that which was prepared *for me* daily, *was* one oxe, and sixe choice sheepe; also foules were prepared for mee, and once in ten dayes, store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the gouernour, because the bondage was heauy vpon this people.

19 *Thinke vpon mee, my God, for good, *according* to all ^{*Chap. 13.}
that I haue done for this people. ^{22.}

CHAP. VI.

1 Sanballat practiseth by craft, by rumours, by hired prophecies, to terrifie Nehemiah. 15 The worke is finished to the terrour of the enemies. 17 Secret intelligence passeth betweene the enemies, and the nobles of Iudah.

NOW it came to passe when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies heard, that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein: (though at that time I had not set vp the doores vpon the gates,)

2 That Sanballat, and Geshem sent vnto me, saying, Come, let vs meet together in *some one of* the villages in the plaine of Ono: But they thought to doe me mischief.

3 And I sent messengers vnto them, saying, I am doing a great worke, so that I can not come down: why should the worke cease, whilst I leaue it, and come downe to you?

4 Yet they sent vnto me foure times, after this sort; and I answered them after the same maner.

5 Then sent Sanballat his seruant vnto me, in like manner, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand:

6 Wherein was written; It is reported among the heathen, and ||Gashmu sayth it, *that* thou and the Iewes thinke to || *Or, Geshem, ver.*
rebell: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou ^{2.}
mayest be their King, according to these words.

7 And thou hast also appointed Prophets to preach of thee at Ierusalem, saying, *There is* a King in Iudah. And now shall it be reported to the king, according to these wordes. Come now therefore, and let vs take counsell together.

8 Then I sent vnto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine owne heart.

9 For they all made vs afraid, saying, Their handes shall be weakened from the worke that it bee not done. Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands.

10 Afterward I came vnto the house of Shemaiah the sonne of Delaiah, the sonne of Mehetabel, who *was* shut vp, and he said, Let vs meet together in the house of God, within the Temple, and let vs shut the doores of the Temple; for they will come to slay thee, yea in the night wil they come to slay thee.

11 And I said, Should such a man as I, flee? and who is there, that being as I am, would goe into the Temple to saue his life? I will not goe in.

12 And loe, I perceiued that God had not sent him, but that he pronounced this prophecie against mee: for Tobiah, and Sanballat had hired him.

13 Therefore *was* hee hired, that I should be afraid, and doe so, and sinne, and that they might haue *matter* for an euill report, that they might reproch mee.

14 My God, thinke thou vpon Tobiah, and Sanballat, according to these their workes, and on the prophetesse Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would haue put me in feare.

15 ¶ So the wall was finished, in the twentie and fifth day of *the moneth* Elul, in fiftie and two dayes.

16 And it came to passe that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen, that *were* about vs, saw *these things*, they were much cast downe in their owne eyes: for they perceiued that this worke was wrought of our God.

† *Hebr.*
multiplied
letters
passing to
Tobiah.

17 ¶ Moreouer, in those dayes the nobles of Iudah † sent many letters vnto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came vnto them.

18 For *there were* many in Iudah sworne vnto him: because hee was the sonne in law of Shechaniah the sonne of Arah, and his sonne Iohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam, the sonne of Berechiah.

19 Also they reported his good deeds before me, and vttered my ¶ wordes to him: *and* Tobiah sent letters to put me in feare.

¶ *Or, mat-*
ters.

CHAP. VII.

1 Nehemiah committeth the charge of Ierusalem to Hanani and Hananiah. 5 A register of the genealogie of them which came at the first out of Babylon, 9 of the people. 39 of the Priests. 43 of the Leuites. 46 of the Nethinims. 57 of Solomons seruants. 63 and of the Priests which could not find their pedegree. 66 The whole number of them, with their substance. 70 Their oblations.

NOW it came to passe when the wall was built, and I had set vp the doores; and the porters, and the singers, and the Leuites were appointed,

2 That I gaue my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge ouer Ierusalem (for hee was a faithfull man, and feared God aboue many.)

3 And I said vnto them, Let not the gates of Ierusalem be opened, vntill the Sunne bee hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doores, and barre them. And appoint watches of the inhabitants of Ierusalem, euery one in his watch, and euery one to bee ouer against his house.

4 Now the city *was* † large and great, but the people *were* † *Hebr.* few therein, and the houses were not builded. *broad in spaces.*

5 ¶ And my God put into mine heart, to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, & the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogie. And I found a register of the genealogie of them which came vp at the first, and found written therein;

6 * These *are* the children of the prouince, that went vp * *Ezra. 2.* out of the captiuitie, of those that had beene caried away *1. &c.* whom Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon had caried away, and came againe to Ierusalem and to Iudah, euery one vnto his citie:

7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Ieshua, Nehemiah, || Azariah, || *Or, Sera-* Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Biguai, *iah.* Nahum, Baanah. The number, *I say*, of the men of the people of Israel, *was this*:

8 The children of Parosh, two thousand, an hundred, seuentie and two.

9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred, seuentie and two.

10 The children of Arah, sixe hundred, fiftie and two.

11 The

11 The children of Pahath-Moab, of the children of Ieshua, and Ioab, two thousand, and eight hundred, *and* eighteene.

12 The children of Elam, a thousand, two hundred, fiftie and foure.

13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred fourtie and fve.

14 The children of Zaccai, seuen hundred and threescore.

|| *Or, Bani.* 15 The children of || Binnui, sixe hundred, fourty and eight.

16 The children of Bebai, sixe hundred, twentie and eight.

17 The children of Azgad, two thousand, three hundred, twentie and two.

18 The children of Adonikam, sixe hundred, threescore and seuen.

19 The children of Biguai, two thousand, threescore and seuen.

20 The children of Adin, sixe hundred, fiftie and fve.

21 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninetie and eight.

22 The children of Hashum, three hundred, twentie and eight.

23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twentie and foure.

|| *Or, Iora.* 24 The children of || Hariph, an hundred and twelue.

|| *Or, Gib-* 25 The children of || Gibeon, ninetie and fve.

bar. 26 The men of Bethlehem, and Netophah, an hundred, fourescore and eight.

27 The men of Anathoth, an hundred, twentie and eight.

|| *Or, Az-* 28 The men of || Bethazmaueth, fourtie and two.

maueth. 29 The men of || Kiriath-earim, Chephirah and Beeroth, || *Or, Kiri-* seuen hundred fourtie and three.

ath-arim. 30 The men of Ramah and Geba, sixe hundred, twentie and one.

31 The men of Michmash, an hundred and twenty and two.

32 The men of Bethel and Ai, an hundred, twentie and three.

33 The men of the other Nebo, fiftie and two.

* *See ver.* 34 The children of the other *Elam, a thousand, two
12. hundred, fiftie & foure.

35 The children of Harim, three hundred and twentie.

36 The children of Iericho, three hundred, fourtie and fve.

37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seuen hundred, twentie and one.

38 The children of Senaa, three

thousand, nine hundred, and thirty.

39 ¶ The Priests. The children of *Iedaia, of the house of Ieshua, nine hundred, seuentie and three. * 1. Chro. 24. 7.

40 The children of Immer, a thousand, fifty and two.

41 The children of Pashur, a thousand, two hundred, fourtie and seuen.

42 The children of Harim, a thousand, *and* seenteene.

43 ¶ The Leuites. The children of Ieshua, of Kadmiel, *and* of the children of ||Hodeuah, seuentie and foure. || Or, Hodauiah, Ezra 2. 4.

44 ¶ The singers. The children of Asaph, an hundred, fourtie and eight. Or, Iudah, Ezra. 3. 9

45 ¶ The porters. The children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred, thirtie and eight.

46 ¶ The Nethinims. The children of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabaoth,

47 The children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon,

48 The children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Shalmal,

49 The children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar,

50 The children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda,

51 The children of Gazzam, the children of Vzza, the children of Phaseah,

52 The children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim,

53 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,

54 The children of Baslith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,

55 The children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Tamah,

56 The children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

57 ¶ The children of Solomons seruants: The children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida,

58 The children of Iaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

59 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth Zebaim, the children of ||Amon, || Or, Ami.

60 All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomons seruants, were three hundred ninetie and two.

61 * And these were they which went * Ezra. 2.

vp also from Tel-Melah, Tel-Haresha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shewe their fathers house, nor their ||seede, whether they *were* of Israel.

|| *Or, pedegree.*

62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, sixe hundred fourtie and two.

63 ¶ And of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which tooke *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name.

64 These sought their register, *among* those that were reckoned by genealogie, but it was not found: therfore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood.

|| *Or, the gouvernour.*

65 And ||the Tirshatha said vnto them, that they should not eate of the most holy things, till there stood *vp* a priest with Vrim and Thummim.

66 ¶ The whole congregation together, *was* fourtie and two thousand, three hundred and threescore:

67 Beside their man seruants, and their maid seruants, of whome *there were* seuen thousand, three hundred, thirtie and seuen: and they had two hundred fourtie and fve singing men and singing women.

68 Their horses, seuen hundred, thirtie and sixe: their mules, two hundred fourtie and fve:

69 *Their* camels, foure hundred thirtie and fve: sixe thousand, seuen hundred and twentie asses.

† *Hebr. part.*

70 ¶ And †some of the chiefe of the fathers, gaue vnto the worke: The Tirshatha gaue to the treasure, a thousand drammes of gold, fiftie basons, fve hundred and thirtie priests garments.

71 And *some* of the chiefe of the fathers gaue to the treasure of the worke twentie thousand drammes of golde, and two thousand and two hundred pound of siluer.

72 And that which the rest of the people gaue, *was* twentie thousand drammes of gold, and two thousand pound of siluer, and threescore and seuen priests garments.

73 So the priests, and the Leuites, and the porters, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, *dwelt* in their cities: And when the seuenth moneth came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The religious maner of reading and hearing the Law. 9 They comfort the people. 13 The forwardnesse of them to heare and be instructed. 16 They keepe the feast of Tabernacles.

AND all the people gathered themselues together, as one man, into the street that *was* before the water gate, *and they spake vnto Ezra the scribe, to bring the booke *Ezra 3. 1. of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded and 7. 6. to Israel.

2 And Ezra the priest brought the Law before the Congregation, both of men and women, and all †that could †*Heb. that vnderstood in hearing.* heare with vnderstanding, vpon the first day of the seuenth moneth.

3 And hee read therein before the street that *was* before the water gate, †from the morning vntill midday, before the †*Heb.* men and the women, and those that could vnderstand: And *from the light.* the eares of all the people were *attentive* vnto the booke of the law.

4 And Ezra the scribe, stood vpon a †pulpit of wood, †*Heb. towre of wood.* which they had made for the purpose, and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Vrijah, and Hilkihah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand: and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam.

5 And Ezra opened the booke in the †sight of all the †*Hebr. eyes.* people (for hee was aboue al the people) and when he opened it, all the people stood vp:

6 And Ezra blessed the LORD the great God: and al the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting vp their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD, with their faces to the ground.

7 Also Ieshua and Bani, and Sherebiah, Iamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Iozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Leuites, caused the people to vnderstand the law: and the people *stood* in their place.

8 So they read in the booke, in the Law of God distinctly, and gaue the sense, and caused *them* to vnderstand the reading.

9 ¶ And Nehemiah, which is the ¶ Tirshatha, and Ezra the ¶ *Or, the* Priest the Scribe, and the Leuites that taught *gouvernour.* the

the people, said vnto all the people, This day is holy vnto the LORD your God, mourne not, nor weepe: for all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law.

10 Then hee sayd vnto them, Goe your way, eat the fat, & drinke the sweet, and send portions vnto them, for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy vnto our LORD: neither be ye sory, for the ioy of the LORD is your strength.

11 So the Leuites stilled all the people, saying, Holde your peace, for the day is holy, neither be ye grieved.

12 And all the people went their way to eate, and to drinke, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had vnderstood the wordes that were declared vnto them.

13 ¶ And on the second day were gathered together the chiefe of the fathers of all the people, the Priestes and the Leuites, vnto Ezra the Scribe, euen ¶ to vnderstand the wordes of the Law.

¶ Or, that
they might
instruct in
the words
of the Law.
† Heb. by
the hand
of.

14 And they found written in the Law whith the LORD had commanded † by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in *boothes, in the feast of the seuenth moneth:

*Leuit. 23.
34. deut.
16. 13.

15 And that they should publish and proclaime in all their cities, and in Ierusalem, saying, Goe foorth vnto the mount, and fetch Oliue branches, and Pine branches, and Myrtle branches, and Palme branches, and branches of thicke trees, to make boothes, as it is written.

16 ¶ So the people went foorth, and brought *them*, and made themselues boothes, euery one vpon the roofe of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the streete of the water-gate, and in the streete of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come againe out of the captiuitie, made boothes, and sate vnder the boothes: for since the dayes of Ieshua the sonne of Nun, vnto that day, had not the children of Israel done so: and there was very great gladnesse.

18 Also day by day from the first day vnto the last day, he read in the booke of the Law of God: and they kept the feast seuen dayes, and on the eight day *was* † a solemne assembly according vnto the maner.

† Heb. a
restraint.

CHAP. IX.

1 A solemne Fast, and repentance of the people. 4 The Leuites make a religious confession of Gods goodnes, and their wickednes.

NOW in the *twentie and fourth day of this moneth, *Chap. 8. the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, 2 & with sackclothes, and earth vpon them.

2 And the seede of Israel separated themselues from all †strangers, and stood and confessed their sinnes, and the iniquities of their fathers. †*Heb. sträge children.*

3 And they stood vp in their place, and read in the booke of the Law of the LORD their God, *one* fourth part of the day, and *another* fourth part they confessed and worshipped the LORD their God.

4 ¶ Then stode vp, vpon the ||staires of the Leuites, ||*Or, scaffold.* Ieshua and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cryed with a loude voice vnto the LORD their God.

5 Then the Leuites, Ieshua and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodiiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, sayde, Stand vp, and blesse the LORD your God for euer and euer, and blessed bee thy glorious Name, which is exalted aboue all blessing and praise.

6 Thou, *euen* thou art LORD alone, *thou hast made *Gen. 1. 1. heauen, the heauen of heauens, with all their hoste, the earth, and all things that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therin, and thou preseruest them all, and the hoste of heauen worshipping thee.

7 Thou art the LORD the God, who diddest choose *Abram, *Gen. 11. and broughtest him forth out of Vr of the Caldees, and gauest him the name of Abraham: 31. and 12. 1. & 17. 5. *Gen. 15. 6.

8 And foundest his heart *faithfull before thee, & madest a *covenant with him, to giue the land of the Canaanites, *Gen. 12. the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the 17. and 15. 18. & 17. Iebusites, and the Girgashites, to giue *it, I say*, to his seed, 9. and hast performed thy words, for thou *art* righteous, *Exod. 3. 7. and 14. 10.

9 *And didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the red Sea, *Exod. 7. 8, 9, 10, 12, & 14.

10 And shewedst signes *and wonders chapters

ders vpon Pharaoh, and on all his seruants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knewest that they dealt prouddie against them: so didst thou get thee a name, as *it is* this day.

*Exod. 14. 11 *And thou didst diuide the sea before them, so that
22. they went through the midst of the sea on the drie land, and their persecutours thou threwest into the deepes, as a

*Exod. 15. stone into the mightie *waters.

10. 12 Moreouer thou *leddest them in the day by a cloudy
*Exod. 13. pillar, and in the night, by a pillar of fire, to giue them light
21. in the way wherein they should go.

*Exod. 20. 13 Thou *camest downe also vpon mount Sinai, and spakest
1 and 19. with them from heauen, and gauest them right iudgements,
20. and †true lawes, good statutes and commandements:

†Heb. 14 And madest knowen vnto them thy holy Sabbath, and
lawes of commandedst them precepts, statutes, and lawes, by the
trueth. hand of Moses thy seruant:

*Exod. 16. 15 And *gauest them bread from heauen for their hunger,
15. & 17. and broughtest forth water for them out of the rocke, for their
6. num. 20. thirst, and promisedst them that they should *goe in to
9. possesse the land, †which thou hadst sworne to giue them.

8 16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened
†Heb. their necks, and hearkned not to thy commandements:

which thou 17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of the won-
hadst lift ders that thou didst among them: but hardened their necks,
vp thine and in their rebellion appointed *a captaine to returne to
hand to their bondage: but thou *art* †a God ready to pardon,
giue them. gracious and mercifull, slow to anger, and of great kindnes,
*Num. 14. & forsookest them not.

4. 18 Yea *when they had made them a molten calfe, and
†Heb. a said, This *is* thy God, that brought thee vp out of Egypt,
god of and had wrought great prouocations:
pardons.

*Exo. 32. 19 Yet thou, in thy manifold mercies, forsookest them not
4 in the wilderness: the *pillar of the cloude departed not
*Exod. 13. from them by day, to leade them in the way, neither the
22. num. pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way
14 14. wherein they should goe.
1. cor. 10. 1.

*Num. 11. 20 Thou gauest also thy *good spirit, to instruct them,
17. and withheldest not thy *Manna from their mouth, and
*Exod. 16. gauest them water for their thirst.

15. & 17. 6 21 Yea fourtie yeeres diddest thou sustaine them in the
iosh. 5. 12. wilderness, so that

they lacked nothing; their *clothes waxed not old, and *Deut. 8.
their feet swelled not. 4

22 Moreouer, thou gauest them kingdomes and nations,
and diddst diuide them into corners: so they possessed the
land of *Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and *Num. 21.
the land of Og king of Bashan. 21, &c.

23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the starres of
heauen, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which
thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they should goe in
to possesse *it*.

24 So the children went in, and possessed the land, and
thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the lande, the
Canaanites, and gauest them into their hands, with their
kings, and the people of the land, that they might doe with
them, †as they would.

25 And they tooke strong cities, and a fat land, and pos-
sessed houses ful of all goods, ||welles digged, vineyards, and || Or, cis-
Oliue yards, and †fruit trees in abundance: So they did eat *ternes*
and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselues in †Heb. tree
thy great goodnesse. *of foode.*

26 Neuerthelesse, they were disobedient, and rebelled against
thee, and cast thy law behind their backes, and slewe thy
*prophets, which testified against them to turne them to *1. King.
thee, and they wrought great prouocations. 19 20.

27 Therefore thou deliueredst them into the hande of their
enemies, who vexed them, & in the time of their trouble,
when they cried vnto thee, thou heardest them from heauen:
and according to thy manifold mercies, thou gauest them
sauours, who saued them out of the hand of their enemies.

28 But after they had rest, †they did euill againe before thee: †Hebr.
therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so *they re-*
that they had the dominion ouer them: yet when they returned *turned to*
and cried vnto thee, thou heardest them from heauen, and many *doe euill.*
times didst thou deliuer them, according to thy mercies:

29 And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring
them againe vnto thy lawe: yet they dealt proudly, and
hearkened not vnto thy commaundements, but sinned against
thy iudgements, (which if a man doe, he shal liue in them)
†and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their necke, and †Heb. they
would not heare. *gaue a*
withdraw-
ing
shoulder.

30 Yet

†*Heb. protract ouer them.*
 *2. King. 30 Yet many yeres diddest thou †forbeare them, and testifiedst *against them by thy Spirit †in thy Prophets: yet would they not giue eare: therefore gauest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands.

17. 13.
 2. chr. 36. 31 Neuerthelesse, for thy great mercies sake, thou diddest not vtterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and mercifull God.

†*Heb. in the hand of thy Prophets.*
 *Exo. 34. 32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the *mightie, and the terrible God, who keepest couenant and mercie: let not all the †trouble seeme little before thee, †that hath come vpon vs, on our Kings, on our Princes, & on our Priests, and on our Prophets, & on our fathers, & on al thy people, since the time of the Kings of Assyria, vnto this day.

†*Heb. wearinesse.*
 †*Heb. that hath found vs.*
 33 Howbeit, thou *art* iust in all that is brought vpon vs, for thou hast done right, but we haue done wickedly:

34 Neither haue our kings, our Princes, our Priests, nor our fathers kept thy Law, nor hearkened vnto thy Commandements, and thy Testimonies, wherewith thou didst testifie against them.

35 For they haue not serued thee in their kingdome, and in thy great goodnesse that thou gauest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gauest before them, neither turned they from their wicked workes.

36 Behold, we *are* seruants this day; and for the land that thou gauest vnto our fathers, to eat the fruit thereof, and the good thereof, behold, wee are seruants in it.

37 And it yeeldeth much increase vnto the kings, whom thou hast set ouer vs, because of our sinnes: also they haue dominion ouer our bodies, and ouer our cattell, at their pleasure; and wee are in great distresse.

†*Heb. are at the sealing, or sealed.*
 38 And because of all this, wee make a sure *couenant*, and write *it*, and our Princes, Leuites, *and* Priestes, †seale vnto *it*.

CHAP. X.

1 The names of them that sealed the couenant. 29 The points of the couenant.

†*Heb. at the sealings.*
 †*Or, the gouernour.*
 N Ow those †that sealed *were*, Nehemiah || the Tirshatha the sonne of Hachaliah, and Zidkiah,

2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah,

3 Pashur, Amariah, Malchiah,
 4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch,
 5 Harim, Merimoth, Obadiah,
 6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch,
 7 Meshullam, Abiah, Miiamin,
 8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* the Priests.
 9 And the Leuites: both Ieshua the sonne of Azaniah,
 Binnui, of the sonnes of Henadad, Kadmiel;
 10 And their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiiah, Kelita, Pelaiah,
 Hanan,

11 Micah, Rehob, Hashabiah,
 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,
 13 Hodiiah, Bani, Beninu,
 14 The chiefe of the people. Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam,
 Zatthu, Bani,

15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai,
 16 Adoniah, Biguai, Adin,
 17 Ater, Hizkiah, Azzur,
 18 Hodiiah, Hashum, Bezai,
 19 Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,
 20 Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,
 21 Meshezabeel, Zadok, Iaddua,
 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,
 23 Hoshea, Hananiah, Hashub,
 24 Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek,
 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,
 26 And Ahiah, Hanan, Anan,
 27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 ¶ *And the rest of the people, the Priests, the Leuites, *Ezr. 2.
 the Porters, the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had 4 3
 separated themselues from the people of the lands, vnto the
 Law of God, their wiues, their sonnes, and their daughters,
 euery one hauing knowledge, and hauing vnderstanding.

29 They claue to their brethren their nobles, and entred
 into a curse, and into an oath to walke in Gods law, which
 was giuen †by Moses the seruant of God, and to obserue
 and doe all the commandements of the LORD our Lord, and
 his Iudgements, and his statutes:

30 And that we would not giue *our daughters vnto the
 people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sonnes.

31 *And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals
 on the Sabbath day, to sell, *that* we would not buy it of them
 on the Sabbath, or on the holy-day, and *that* wee would leaue
 the seuenth yeere, and the *exaction of †euerie debt.

32 Also we made ordinances for vs,

†Heb. by
the hand

*Exo. 34.
16 deut. 7.

*Exod. 20.
10. leui.

23. 3. deut.
5. 12.
nehem. 13.

*Deut. 15.
2 leuit. 25.

†Heb.
euery
hand.

to charge our selues yeerely, with the third part of a shekel, for the seruice of the house of our God,

33 For the shew-bread, and for the continuall meate-offering, and for the continuall burnt offering, of the Sabbaths, of the new moones, for the set-feastes, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings, to make an atonement for Israel, and for all the worke of the house of our God.

34 And we cast the lots among the priests, the Leuites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times appointed, yeere by yeere, to burne vpon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the *law :

* See num.

28. & 29.

chap. and

Exod. 23.

19. and

Leuit. 19.

23.

* Exod. 13.

2. Leuit.

23. 17.

num. 15.

19. and 18.

12. &c.

35 And to bring the first fruits of our ground, and the first fruites of all fruit of all trees, yeere by yeere, vnto the house of the LORD.

36 Also the first-borne of our sonnes, and of our cattell (as it is written *in the lawe) and the firstlings of our heards, and of our flockes, to bring to the house of our God, vnto the priests that minister in the house of our God :

37 And *that* we should bring the first fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all maner of trees, of wine and of oyle, vnto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God, and the tithes of our ground vnto the Leuites, that the same Leuites might haue the tithes, in all the cities of our tillage.

38 And the priest the sonne of Aaron, shall be with the Leuites, *when the Leuites take tithes, and the Leuites shall bring vp the tithe of the tithes vnto the house of our God, to the chambers into the treasure house.

39 For the children of Israel, and the children of Leui, shall bring the offering of the corne, of the new wine, and the oyle, vnto the chambers, where *are* the vessels of the sanctuarie, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers, and we will not forsake the house of our God.

CHAP. XI.

- 1 The rulers, voluntary men, and the tenth man chosen by Lot, dwell at Ierusalem. 3 A catalogue of their names. 20 The residue dwell in other cities.

AND the rulers of the people dwelt at Ierusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of tenne, to dwell in Ierusalem, the holy citie, and nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities.

2 And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves, to dwell at Ierusalem.

3 ¶ Now these *are* the chiefe of the prouince that dwelt in Ierusalem: but in the cities of Iudah dwelt euerie one in his possession in their cities, *to wit*, Israel, the priests, and the Leuites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomons seruants.

4 And at Ierusalem dwelt *certaine* of the children of Iudah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Iudah: Athaiah the sonne of Vzziah, the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of Amariah, the sonne of Shephatiah, the sonne of Mahalaleel, of the children of Perez.

5 And Maaseiah the sonne of Baruch the sonne of Col-Hozeh, the sonne of Hazaiah the sonne of Adaiah, the sonne of Ioiarib, the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of Shiloni.

6 All the sonnes of Perez that dwelt at Ierusalem, *were* foure hundred threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these *are* the sonnes of Benjamin: Sallu the sonne of Meshullam, the sonne of Ioed, the sonne of Pedaiah, the sonne of Kolaiah, the sonne of Maaseiah, the sonne of Ithiel, the sonne of Iesaiah.

8 And after him Gabai, Sallai, nine hundred twentie and eight.

9 And Ioel the sonne of Zichri *was* their ouerseer: and Iudah the sonne of Senuah, *was* second ouer the city.

10 Of the Priests: Iedaiah the sonne of Ioiarib, Iachin;

11 Seraiah the sonne of Hilkiah, the sonne of Meshullam, the sonne of Zadok, the sonne of Meraioth, the sonne of Ahitub, *was* the ruler of the house of God.

12 And their brethren that did the worke of the house, *were* eight hundred twentie and two: and Adaiah the sonne of Ieroham, the sonne of Pelaliah, the sonne of Amzi, the sonne of Zechariah, the sonne of Pashur, the sonne of Malchiah,

13 And his brethren, chiefe of the fathers, two hundred fourty and two: and Amashai the sonne of Azareel, the sonne of Ahasai, the sonne of Meshilemoth, the sonne of Immer.

|| *Or, the sonne of Haggadolim.*

14 And their brethren mighty men of valour, an hundred twenty and eight; and their ouerseer *was* Zabdiel, || the sonne of *one of* the great men.

15 Also of the Leuites: Shemaiah the sonne of Hashub, the sonne of Azrikam, the sonne of Hashabiah, the sonne of Bunni.

† *Hebr. were ouer.*

16 And Shabbethai, and Iozabad, of the chiefe of the Leuits, † *had* the ouersight of the outward businesse of the house of God.

17 And Mattaniah the sonne of Micha, the sonne of Zabdi, the sonne of Asaph, *was* the principall to beginne the thankesgiuing in prayer: and Bakbukiah the second among his brethren, and Abda the sonne of Shammua, the sonne of Galal, the sonne of Ieduthun.

18 All the Leuites in the holy City, *were* two hundred, fourescore and foure.

† *Hebr. at the gates.*

19 Moreouer, the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept † the gates, *were* an hundred seuenty and two.

20 ¶ And the residue of Israel, of the Priests *and* the Leuites, *were* in all the cities of Iudah, euery one in his inheritance.

* *See Chap. 3. 26.*
|| *Or, the tower.*

21 * But the Nethinims dwelt in || Ophel: and Ziha, and Gispas *were* ouer the Nethinims.

22 The ouerseer also of the Leuites at Ierusalem, *was* Vzzi the sonne of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the sonne of Mattaniah, the sonne of Micha: Of the sonnes of Asaph, the singers *were* ouer the businesse of the house of God.

|| *Or, a sure ordinance.*

23 For it *was* the kings commandement concerning them, that || a certaine portion should be for the singers, due for euery day.

24 And Pethahiah the sonne of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the sonne of Iudah, *was* at the kings hand in all matters concerning the people.

25 And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the children of Iudah dwelt at Kiriath-arba, and *in* the villages thereof; and at Dibon, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Iekabzeel, and in the villages thereof:

26 And at Ieshua, and at Moladah, and at Beth-phelet, ¶

27 And at Hazer-Shual, and at Beer-sheba, and in the villages thereof:

28 And at Ziglag, and at Mekonah, and in the villages thereof:

29 And at En-Rimmon, and at Zareah, and at Iarmuth,

30 Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, at Lachish, and the fieldes thereof: at Azekah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from Beer-sheba, vnto the valley of Hinnom.

31 The children also of Benjamin, ||from Geba, *dwelt* ||at Michmash, and Aiaa, and Beth-el, and in their villages:

|| *Or, of Geba.*

|| *Or, to Michmash.*

32 And at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah,

33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim,

34 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat,

35 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftes-men.

36 And of the Leuites, *were* diuisions *in* Iudah, and in Benjamin.

CHAP. XII.

1 The Priests, 8 and the Leuites which came vp with Zerubbabel.

10 The succession of hie Priests. 22 Certaine chiefe Leuites.

27 The solemnitie of the dedication of the walls. 44 The offices of Priests and Leuites appointed in the Temple.

NOW these *are* the *Priests and the Leuits that went vp *Ezra 2. 1. with Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshua: || *Or, Melicu, ver. 14.*

Seraiah, Ieremiah, Ezra,

2 Amariah, ||Malluch, Hattush,

3 ||Shecaniah, ||Rehum, ||Merimoth,

|| *Or, Sebaniah, ver,*

4 Iddo, ||Ginnetho, Abiah,

14. || *Or, Harim, ver.*

5 ||Miamin, ||Madiab, Bilgah,

15.

6 Shemaiah, & Ioiarib, Iedaiah,

|| *Or, Meraioth, ver.*

7 ||Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Iedaiah: these *were* the chiefe of the Priests, and of their brethren in the dayes of Ieshua.

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8 Moreouer the Leuites: Ieshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Iudah, and Mattaniah, which *was* ouer the ||thankesgiuing, he and his brethren.

|| *Or, Ginnethon, ver. 16.*

|| *Or, Miniamin, ver.*

9 Also Bakbukiah, and Vnni; their brethren, *were* ouer against them in the watches.

17.

|| *Or, Moadiab, ver.*

10 ¶ And Ieshua begate Ioiakim, Ioiakim also begate Eliashib, and Eliashib begate Ioiada,

17.

|| *Or, Salalai, ver. 20.*

11 And Ioiada begate Ionathan, and Ionathan begate Iaddua.

|| *That is, the Psalmes of thankes-giuing.*

12 And in the dayes of Ioiakim, were Priests the chiefe of the fathers:

of Seraiah, Meraiah : of Ieremiah, Hananiah :

13 Of Ezra, Meshullam : of Amariah, Iehohanan :

14 Of Melicu, Ionathan : of Shebaniah, Ioseph :

15 Of Harim, Adna : of Meraioth, Helkai :

16 Of Iddo, Zechariah : of Ginnethon, Meshullam :

17 Of Abijah, Zichri : of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Piltai :

18 Of Bilgah, Shammua : of Shemaiah, Iehonathan :

19 And of Ioiarib, Mattenai : of Iedaiah, Vzzi :

20 Of Sallai, Kallai : of Amok, Eber :

21 Of Hilkiah, Hashabiah : of Iedaiah, Nethanael.

22 ¶ The Leuites in the dayes of Eliashib, Ioiada, and Iohanan, and Iaddua, *were* recorded chiefe of the fathers: also the Priests, to the reigne of Darius the Persian.

23 The sonnes of Leui, the chiefe of the fathers, *were* written in the booke of the *Chronicles, euen vntill the dayes of Iohanan the sonne of Eliashib.

* 1. Chro.
9.

24 And the chiefe of the Leuites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Ieshua the sonne of Kadmiel, with their brethren ouer against them, to praise *and* to giue thankes, according to the commandement of Dauid the man of God, ward ouer against ward.

25 Mattaniah, and Bakkukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, *were* porters keeping the ward, at the || thresholds of the gates.

|| Or, *treasuries, or assemblies.*

26 These were in the dayes of Ioiakim, the sonne of Ieshua, the sonne of Iozadak, and in the dayes of Nehemiah the gouernour, and of Ezra the Priest, the Scribe.

27 ¶ And at the dedication of the wall of Ierusalem, they sought the Leuites out of all their places, to bring them to Ierusalem, to keepe the dedication with gladnesse, both with thankesgiuings and with singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries, and with harpes.

28 And the sonnes of the Singers gathered themselues together, both out of the plaine countrey round about Ierusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi.

29 Also from the house of Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba, and Az-

maueth: for the Singers had builded them villages round about Ierusalem.

30 And the Priests and the Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought vp the princes of Iudah vpon the wall, and appointed two great *companies of them* that gaue thanks, *whereof one* went on the right hand vpon the wall toward the dounge-gate:

32 And after them went Hoshaiah, and halfe of the Princes of Iudah,

33 And Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,

34 Iudah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Ieremiah,

35 And *certaine* of the Priests sonnes with trumpets: *namely*, Zechariah the sonne of Ionathan, the sonne of Shemaiah, the sonne of Mattaniah, the sonne of Michaiah, the sonne of Zaccur, the sonne of Asaph:

36 And his brethren, Shemaiah, and Asarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanael, and Iudah, Hanani, with the musicall instruments of Dauid the man of God; and Ezra the Scribe before them.

37 And at the fountaine-gate, which was ouer against them, they went vp by the staires of the citie of Dauid, at the going vp of the wall, aboue the house of Dauid, euen vnto the water-gate, Eastward.

38 And the other *company* of them that gaue thanks, went ouer against them, and I after them, and the halfe of the people vpon the wall, from beyond the towre of the furnaces, euen vnto the broad wall,

39 And from aboue the gate of Ephraim, and aboue the olde gate, and aboue the fish-gate, and the towre of Hananeel, and the towre of Meah, euen vnto the sheepegate; and they stood still in the prison gate.

40 So stood the two companies of them that gaue thanks in the house of God, and I, and the halfe of the rulers with me:

41 And the Priests: Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zachariah, *and* Hananiah with trumpets:

42 And Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Vzzi, and Iehohanan, and Malchiihah, and Elam, and Ezer. And ^{† Heb.} *made their* the Singers † sang loud, with voice *to be* heard.
Iezra-

Iezrahiah their ouerseer.

43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and reioyced; for God had made them reioyce with great ioy: the wiues also and the children reioyced: so that the ioy of Ierusalem was heard euen asfarre off.

44 ¶ And at that time were some appointed ouer the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the ||law for the priests and Leuites: †for Iudah reioyced for the Priests, & for the Leuites †that waited.

|| *That is, appointed by the law.*
† *Hebr. for the ioy of Iudah.*

† *Heb. that stood.*

* 1. Chron. 24. and 25. chap.

* 1. Chron. 25. 1, &c.

45 And both the singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, *according to the commandement of Dauid, and of Solomon his sonne.

46 For in the dayes of Dauid *and Asaph of old, there were chiefe of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiuing vnto God.

47 And all Israel in the dayes of Zerubbabel, and in the dayes of Nehemiah, gaue the portions of the singers, and the porters, euery day his portion, and they ||sanctified *holy things* vnto the Leuites, *and the Leuites sanctified *them* vnto the children of Aaron.

|| *That is, set apart.*
* Num. 18. 26.

CHAP. XIII.

1 Vpon the reading of the Law, separation is made from the mixed multitude. 4 Nehemiah at his returne, causeth the chambers to bee cleansed. 10 He reformeth the offices in the house of God. 15 The violation of the Sabbath, 23 & the mariages with strange wiues.

† *Heb. there was read.*

* Num. 22. 5. deut. 23.

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† *Heb. eares*

* Num. 22. 5. iosh. 24.

9

ON that day †they read in the *booke of Moses in the †audience of the people, and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the Congregation of God for euer,

2 *Because they met not the children of Israel with bread, and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.

3 Now it came to passe when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 ¶ And before this Eliashib the priest †hauing the ouersight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied vnto Tobiah:

† *Heb. being set ouer.*

5 And hee had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense and the vessels, and the tithes of the corne, the new wine, and the oyle, which was †commanded *to be giuen to the Leuites,* † *Hebr. the commandment of the Leuites.* and the singers, and the porters, and the offerings of the priests.

6 But in all this *time* was not I at Ierusalem: for in the two and thirtieth yeere of Artaxerxes king of Babylon, came I vnto the king, and †after certaine dayes, ||obtained I † *Heb. at the end of daies.* leaue of the King: || *Or, I earnestly requested.*

7 And I came to Ierusalem, and vnderstood of the euil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God.

8 And it grieved me sore, therefore I cast forth all the houshold stufte of Tobiah out of the chamber:

9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers, and thither brought I againe the vessels of the house of God, with the meate offering, and the frankincense.

10 ¶ And I perceiued that the portions of the Leuites had not beene giuen *them*: for the Leuites and the singers that did the worke, were fled euery one to his field.

11 Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their †place.

12 Then brought all Iudah the tithe of the corne, and the new wine, and the oyle, vnto the ||treasuries.

13 And I made treasurers ouer the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Leuites, Pedaiah: and †next to them *was* Hanan the sonne of Zaccur, the sonne of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithfull, and †their office was to distribute vnto their brethren.

14 *Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my †good deeds, that I haue done for the house of my God, and for the ||offices thereof.

15 ¶ In those dayes sawe I in Iudah, *some* treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaues, and lading asses, as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *maner of* burdens, which they brought into Ierusalem on the Sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they solde victuals.

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16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish and all maner of ware, and solde on the Sabbath vnto the children of Iudah, and in Ierusalem.

17 Then I contended with the Nobles of Iudah, and sayd vnto them, What euill thing is this that ye doe, and profane the Sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this euill vpon vs, and vpon this citie? yet ye bring more wrath vpon Israel, by profaning the Sabbath.

19 And it came to passe, that when the gates of Ierusalem beganne to be darke before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath: and some of my seruants set I at the gates, *that* there should no burden be brought in on the Sabbath day.

20 So the merchants, and sellers of all kinde of ware, lodged without Ierusalem once or twice.

21 Then I testified against them, and said vnto them, Why lodge yee †about the wall? If ye doe *so* againe, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the Sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Leuites, that they should cleanse themselues, and that they should come and keepe the gates, to sanctifie the Sabbath day: Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me, according to the ||greatnesse of thy mercie.

23 ¶ In those dayes also sawe I

† *Heb. before the wall.*

|| *Or, multitude.*

Iewes *that* † had married wiues of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of † *Heb. had made to dwell with them.*
Moab:

24 And their children spake halfe in the speech of Ashdod, and † could not speake in the Iewes language, but according to the language † of ech people. *† Heb. they discerned not to speake.*

25 And I contended with them, and || cursed them, and smote certeine of them, and pluckt off their haire, and made them sweare by God, *saying*, Yee shall not giue your daughters vnto their sonnes, nor take their daughters vnto your sonnes, or for your selues. *† Heb. of people and people. || Or, re- uiled them.*

26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sinne by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloued of his God, and God made him king ouer all Israel: * neuerthesse, euen him did outlandish women cause to sinne. ** I. King. II I, &c.*

27 Shall wee then hearken vnto you, to doe all this great euill, to transgresse against our God, in marrying strange wiues?

28 And *one* of the sonnes of Ioiada, the sonne of Eliashib the high Priest, *was* sonne in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therfore I chased him from me.

29 Remember them, O my God, † because they haue defiled † *Heb. for the defilings.*
the Priesthood, and the couenant of the Priesthood, and of the Leuites.

30 Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the Priests and the Leuites, euery one in his businesse:

31 And for the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the first fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

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CHAP. I.

1 Ahasuerus maketh royall feasts. 10 Vasthi, sent for, refuseth to come. 13 Ahasuerus, by the counsell of Memucan, maketh the decree of mens soueraigntie.

NOW it came to passe in the dayes of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned from India, euen vnto Ethiopia, ouer an hundred, and seuen and twentie prouinces.)

2 *That* in those dayes, when the King Ahasuerus sate on the throne of his kingdome, which was in Shushan the palace:

3 In the third yeere of his reigne, he made a feast vnto all his Princes, and his seruants, the power of Persia and Media, the Nobles and Princes of the prouinces being before him.

4 When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdome, and the honour of his excellent maiestie, many dayes, *euen* an hundred and fourescore dayes.

† *Hebr.*
found.

|| *Or, violet.*

|| *Or, of*

porphyre,

and

marble,

and alaba-

baster, and

stone of

blew

colour.

† *Hebr.*

wine of the

kingdome.

5 And when these dayes were expired, the king made a feast vnto all the people that were † present in Shushan the palace, both vnto great and small, seuen dayes, in the court of the garden of the kings palace,

6 *Where were* white, greene and ||blew *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linnen, and purple, to siluer rings, and pillars of marble: the beds *were* of gold and siluer, vpon a pauement of ||red, and blewe, and white, and blacke marble.

7 And they gaue *them* drinke in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diuers one from another) and † royall wine in

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abundance, according to the †state of the king.

8 And the drinking *was* according to the law, none did compell: for the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should doe according to euery mans pleasure.

† *Heb. according to the hand of the king.*

9 Also Vasthi the Queene made a feast for the women, *in* the royall house which *belonged* to king Ahasuerus.

10 ¶ On the seuenth day, when the heart of the King was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seuen ||chamberlens that serued in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

|| *Or, Eunuches.*

11 To bring Vasthi the Queene before the king, with the Crowne royall, to shew the people, and the Princes her beautie: for she *was* †faire to looke on.

† *Hebr.*

12 But the Queene Vasthi refused to come at the Kings commandement †by his chamberlens: therefore was the King very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

good of countenance.

13 ¶ Then the king saide to the wise men, which knew the times (for so *was* the Kings maner towards all that knew law, and iudgement:

† *Hebr.*

which was by the hand of his Eunuches.

14 And the next vnto him, *was* Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshis, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seuen *Princes of Persia, and Media, which saw the Kings face, and which ¹⁴sate the first in the kingdome.)

* *Ezra. 7.*

15 †What shall wee doe vnto the Queene Vasthi, according to law, because she hath not performed the commandement of the king Ahasuerus, by the chamberlens?

† *Hebr. what to doe?*

16 And Memucan answered before the king and the Princes; Vasthi the Queene hath not done wrong to the king onely, but also to all the Princes, and to all the people that *are* in all the

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prouinces of the king Ahasuerus.

17 For *this* deed of the queene shall come abroad vnto all women, so that they shal despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall bee reported; The king Ahasuerus commanded Vasthi the queene to be brought in before him, but she came not.

† *Heb. if it be good with the king.* 18 Likewise shall the Ladies of Persia and Media say this day vnto all the kings princes, which haue heard of the deed of the Queene. Thus *shall there arise* too much contempt and wrath.

† *Heb. from before him.* 19 † If it please the king, let there go a royall commandement † from him, and let it bee written among the lawes of the Persians, and the Medes, † that it be not altered, that Vasthi come no more before king Ahasuerus, and let the king giue her royall estate † vnto another that is better then she.

† *Heb. that it passe not away.* 20 And when the kings decree, which he shal make, shalbe published throughout all his empire, (for it is great :) all the wiues shall giue to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

† *Heb. vnto her companion.* 21 And the saying † pleased the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan :

† *Heb. that one should publish it according to the language of his people.* 22 For he sent letters into all the kings prouinces, into euery prouince, according to the writing thereof, and to euery people after their language, that euery man should beare rule in his owne house, and † that *it* should be published according to the language of euerie people.

CHAP. II.

1 Out of the choise of virgines, a Queene is to be chosen. 5 Mordecai the nursing father of Esther. 8 Esther is preferred by Hegai before the rest. 12 The maner of purification, & going in to the king. 15 Esther best pleasing the king, is made Queene. 21 Mordecai discouering a treason, is recorded in the Chronicles.

AFTER these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, hee remembred Vasthi, and what shee had done, and what was decreed against her.

2 Then saide the kings seruants, that ministred vnto him, Let there bee faire yong virgins sought for the king :

3 And let the king appoint officers in all the prouinces of his kingdome, that they may gather together all the

faire yong virgins vnto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women †vnto the custodie of || Hege the kings chamber-laine, keeper of the women, and let their things for purification bee giuen *them* :

† *Heb. vnto the hand.*
|| *Or, Hegai, ver. 8.*

4 And let the maiden which pleaseth the king, bee Queene in stead of Vasthi. And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.

5 ¶ Now in Shushan the palace, there was a certaine Iew, whose name was Mordecai, the sonne of Iair, the sonne of Shimei, the sonne of Kish, a Beniamite,

6 * Who had bene caried away from Ierusalem, with the captiuitie which had bene caried away with Ieconiah king of Iudah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon had caried away.

* 2. King. 24 15. ier. 24. 1 and 2. chro. 36. 10.

7 And hee †brought vp Hadassah (that is Esther) his vnckles daughter, for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was †faire and beautiful, whom Mordecai (when her father and mother were dead) tooke for his owne daughter.

† *Heb. nourished.*

† *Heb. faire of fourme, and good of countenance.*

8 ¶ So it came to passe, when the kings commandement and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together vnto Shushan the palace, to the custodie of Hegai, that Esther was brought *also* vnto the kings house, to the custodie of Hegai, keeper of the women.

9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindnesse of him, and hee speedily gaue her her things for purification, with †such things as belonged to her, and seuen maidens, which were meet to be giuen her, out of the Kings house, and †hee preferred her and her maids, vnto the best *place* of the house of the women.

† *Heb. her portions.*

† *Hebr. hee changed her.*

10 Esther had not shewed her people, nor her kinred: for Mordecai had charged her, that she should not shew it.

11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the womens house, †to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

† *Heb. to know the peace.*

12 ¶ Now when euery maids turne was come, to goe in to King Ahasuerus, after that shee had bene twelue moneths, according to the maner of the women (for so were the dayes of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, sixe moneths with oile of myrrhe, and sixe moneths

moneths with sweet odours, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women.)

13 Then thus came euery maiden vnto the king, whatsoever she desired, was giuen her, to goe with her out of the house of the women, vnto the kings house.

14 In the euening she went, and on the morrowe she returned into the second house of the women, to the custodie of Shaashgaz the kings chamberlen, which kept the concubines: shee came in vnto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that shee were called by name.

15 ¶ Now when the turne of Esther, the daughter of Abihail, the vncle of Mordecai (who had taken her for his daughter) was come, to goe in vnto the king: she required nothing, but what Hegai the kings chamberlen the keeper of the women, appointed: And Esther obtained fauour in the sight of all them that looked vpon her.

16 So Esther was taken vnto king Ahasuerus, into his house royall, in the tenth moneth (which *is* the moneth Tebeth) in the seuenth yeere of his reigne.

17 And the king loued Esther aboue all the women, and she obtained grace and ¶ fauour † in his sight, more then all the virgins; so that hee set the royall crowne vpon her head, and made her queene, in stead of Vasthi.

18 Then the king made a great feast vnto all his princes and his seruants, *euē* Esthers feast, and hee made a † release to the prouinces, and gaue gifts, according to the state of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sate in the kings gate.

20 Esther had not *yet* shewed her kindred, nor her people, as Mordecai had charged her: For Esther did the commandement of Mordecai, like as when she was brought vp with him.

21 ¶ In those dayes, (while Mordecai sate in the kings gate) two of the kings chamberlens, ¶ Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept † the doore, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus:

22 And the thing was knowen to Mordecai, who told it vnto Esther the Queene, and Esther certified the king thereof, in Mordecais name.

23 And when inquisition was made

of the matter, it was found out; therfore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the booke of the chronicles before the king.

CHAP. III.

1 Haman aduanced by the king, and despised by Mordecai, seeketh reuenge vpon all the Iewes. 7 Hee casteth Lots. 8 Hee obtaineth by calumination, a Decree of the king, to put the Iewes to death.

AFter these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman, the sonne of Amedatha the Agagite, and aduanced him, and set his seate aboue all the princes that *were* with him.

2 And all the kings seruants, that *were* in the kings gate, bowed, and reuerenced Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him: but Mordecai bowed not, nor did *him* reuerence.

3 Then the kings seruants, which *were* in the kings gate, sayd vnto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the kings commandement?

4 Now it came to passe, when they spake daily vnto him, and he hearkened not vnto them; that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai his matters would stand, for he had told them that he *was* a Iewe.

5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reuerence, then was Haman full of wrath.

6 And hee thought scorne to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Iewes, that *were* throughout the whole kingdome of Ahasuerus, euen the people of Mordecai.

7 ¶ In the first moneth (that is, the moneth Nisan) in the twelfth yeere of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman, from day to day, and from moneth to moneth, *to* the twelfth moneth, that *is* the moneth Adar.

8 ¶ And Haman saide vnto king Ahasuerus: There is a certaine people scattered abroad, and dispersed among the people, in all the prouinces of thy kingdome, and their lawes *are* diuerse from all people, neither keepe they the kings ^{† Heb.} lawes; therefore it *is* not [†] for the kings profit to suffer them. ^{meete or,}

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9 If ^{equall.}

† *Heb. to
destroy
them.*
† *Heb.
weigh.*

9 If it please the king, let it be written, † that they may be destroyed: and I will † pay ten thousand talents of siluer to the handes of those that haue the charge of the businesse, to bring *it* into the kings treasuries.

10 And the king tooke his ring from his hand, and gaue it vnto Haman the sonne of Ammedatha the Agagite, the Iewes || *enemie.*

|| *Or, op-
pressour.*

11 And the king saide vnto Haman, The siluer *is* giuen to thee, the people also, to doe with them, as it seemeth good to thee.

|| *Or, secre-
taries.*

12 Then were the kings || scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first moneth, and there was written, according to all that Haman had commanded, vnto the kings Lieutenants, and to the gouernours, that *were* ouer euery prouince, and to the rulers of euery people of euery prouince, according to the writing thereof, and *to* euery people, after their language, in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the kings ring.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the kings prouinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish all Iewes, both yong and olde, litle children and women, in one day, *euén* vpon the thirteenth *day* of the twelfth moneth (which *is* the moneth Adar) and *to take* the spoile of them for a pray.

14 The copie of the writing for a commandement to bee giuen in euery prouince, was published vnto all people, that they should bee ready against that day.

15 The postes went out, being hastened by the kings commandement, and the decree was giuen in Shushan the palace: and the king and Haman sate downe to drinke, but the citie Shushan was perplexed.

CHAP. IIII.

1 The great mourning of Mordecai and the Iewes. 4 Esther vnderstanding it, sendeth to Mordecai, who sheweth the cause, and aduiseth her to vndertake the suit. 10 Shee excusing her selfe is threatned by Mordecai. 15 She appointing a fast, vndertaketh the suit.

WHen Mordecai perceiued all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into

the midst of the citie, and cried with a loud and a bitter crie :

2 And came euen before the kings gate: for none *might* enter into the kings gate clothed with sackcloth.

3 And in euery prouince, whithersoever the kings commaundement, and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Iewes, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing, and †many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 ¶ So Esthers maides and her †chamberlaines came, and told it her: then was the Queene exceedingly grieued, and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away the sackcloth from him: but he receiued *it* not.

5 Then called Esther for Hatach, *one* of the kings chamberlaines, †whom he had appointed to attend vpon her, and gaue him a commaundement to Mordecai, to know what it *was*, and why it *was*.

6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai, vnto the street of the citie, which *was* before the kings gate:

7 And Mordecai tolde him of all that had happened vnto him, and of the summe of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the Kings treasuries for the Iewes, to destroy them.

8 Also he gaue him the copie of the writing of the decree, that was giuen at Shushan to destroy them, to shewe *it* vnto Esther, and to declare *it* vnto her, and to charge her that she should goe in vnto the king, to make supplication vnto him, and to make request before him, for her people.

9 And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 ¶ Againe Esther spake vnto Hatach, and gaue him commaundement vnto Mordecai;

11 All the Kings seruants, and the people of the kings prouinces do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come vnto the King into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one lawe of his to put him to death, except such to whom the King shall hold out the golden scepter, that he may liue: but I haue not beene called to come in vnto the King, these thirtie dayes.

12 And they tolde to Mordecai Esthers words.

13 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther; Thinke
not with thy
selfe

† Heb.
sackcloth
and ashes
were laid
vnder
many.
† Heb. Eu-
nuches.
† Heb.
whom he
had set
before her.

selfe that thou shalt escape in the kings house, more then all the Iewes.

† *Heb. respiration.* 14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there †enlargement and deliuerance arise to the Iewes from another place, but thou and thy fathers house shall be destroyed: And who knoweth, whether thou art come to the kingdome for *such* a time as this?

15 ¶ Then Esther bade *them* returne Mordecai *this* answer :

† *Heb. found* 16 Goe, gather together all the Iewes that are †present in Shushan, and fast yee for me, and neither eate nor drinke three dayes, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise, and so will I goe in vnto the king, which *is* not according to the Law, and if I perish, I perish.

† *Heb. passed* 17 So Mordecai †went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

CHAP. V.

1 Esther aduenturing on the kings fauour, obtaineth the grace of the golden scepter, and inuiteth the king and Haman to a banquet. 6 She being encouraged by the king in her suit, inuiteth them to another banquet the next day. 9 Haman proud of his aduancement, repineth at the contempt of Mordecai. 14 By the counsell of Zeresh, he buildeth for him a paire of gallous.

NOW it came to passe on the third day, that Esther put on her royall *apparell*, and stood in the inner court of the kings house, ouer against the kings house: and the King sate vpon his royall throne in the royall house, ouer against the gate of the house.

2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the Queene standing in the court, *that* shee obtained fauour in his sight: and the king helde out to Esther the golden scepter that *was* in his hand: So Esther drew neere, and touched the top of the scepter.

3 Then sayd the King vnto her, What wilt thou, Queene Esther? and what *is* thy request? it shall bee euen giuen thee to the halfe of the kingdome.

4 And Esther answered, If it seeme good vnto the King, let the King and Haman come this day vnto the banquet that I haue prepared for him.

5 Then the King sayd, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may doe as Esther hath said: So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6 ¶ And the king said vnto Esther at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, and it shall be granted thee? and what is thy request? euen to the halfe of the kingdome it shall be performed.

7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition, and my request *is*,

8 If I haue found fauour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and †to performe my †*Heb. to doe.* request, let the king, and Haman, come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I wil do to morow, as the king hath said.

9 ¶ Then went Haman foorth that day, ioyfull, and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the kings gate, that hee stood not vp, nor mooued for him, hee was full of indignation against Mordecai.

10 Neuerthelesse Haman refrained himselfe, and when he came home, hee sent and †called for his friends, and Zeresh *Heb. caused to come.* his wife.

11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, aud all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had aduanced him aboue the Princes, and seruants of the king.

12 Haman said moreouer, Yea Esther the Queene did let no man come in with the king vnto the banquet that she had prepared, but my selfe; and to morrow am I inuited vnto her also with the king.

13 Yet all this auaieth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Iew sitting at the kings gate.

14 ¶ Then saide Zeresh his wife, and all his friends vnto him, Let a †gallous be made of fifty cubits hie, and to †*Heb. tree* morrow speake thou vnto the king, that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then goe thou in merily with the king vnto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman, and hee caused the gallous to be made.

CHAP. VI.

1 Ahasuerus reading in the Chronicles of the good seruice done by Mordecai, taketh care for his reward. 4 Haman comming to see that Mordecai might bee hanged, vnawares giueth

giueth counsell that hee might doe him honour, 12 complyinging of his misfortune, his friends tell him of his finall destinie.

† *Hebr. the kings sleepe fled away.*

ON that night †could not the King sleepe, and hee commaunded to bring the booke of Records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king.

|| *Or, Bigthana, chap. 2. 21.*
† *Hebr. threshold.*

2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of || Bigthana, and Teresh, two of the kings chamberleus, the keepers of the †doore, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus.

3 And the king said, What honour and dignitie hath bene done to Mordecai for this? Then said the kings seruants that ministred vnto him, There is nothing done for him.

4 ¶ And the king said, Who *is* in the court? (now Haman was come into the outward court of the kings house, to speake vnto the king, to hang Mordecai on the gallous that hee had prepared for him.)

5 And the kings seruants said vnto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the King saide, Let him come in.

† *Hebr. in whose honour the King delighteth.*
† *Hebr. in whose honour the king delighteth.*
† *Hebr. let them bring the royall apparell.*
† *Hebr.*

6 So Haman came in, and the king said vnto him, What shall be done vnto the man †whom the king delighteth to honour? (now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to doe honour, more then to my selfe?)

7 And Haman answered the king, For the man †whom the king delighteth to honour,

† *Hebr. let them bring the royall apparell.*
† *Hebr.*
† *Hebr. wherewith the king clotheth himselfe.*
† *Hebr. cause him to ride.*
† *Hebr. suffer not a whit to fall.*

8 †Let the royall apparell bee brought, †which the King *vseth* to weare, and the horse that the King rideth vpon, and the crowne royal which is set vpon his head:

9 And let this apparell and horse bee deliuered to the hand of one of the kings most noble Princes, that they may aray the man withall, whom the king delighteth to honour, and †bring him on horsebacke through the streete of the city, and proclaime before him, Thus shal it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

10 Then the king saide to Haman, Make haste, *and* take the apparell, and the horse, as thou hast said, and doe euen so to Mordecai the Iew, that sitteth at the Kings gate: †let nothing faile of all that thou hast spoken.

11 Then tooke Haman the apparell, and the horse, & arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on hors-backe through the streete of the city, and proclaimed before him: Thus shall it bee done vnto the man whom the King delighteth to honour.

12 ¶ And Mordecai came againe to the kings gate: but Haman hasted to his house, mourning, and hauing his head couered.

13 And Haman told Zeresh his wife, and all his friends, euery thing that had befallen him. Then saide his wise men, and Zeresh his wife vnto him, If Mordecai be of the seed of the Iewes, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not preuaile against him, but shalt surely fall before him.

14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, came the kings chamberlens, and hasted to bring Haman vnto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

CHAP. VII.

1 Esther intertaining the King and Haman, maketh suit for her owne life, and her peoples. 5 She accuseth Haman. 7 The King in his anger vnderstanding of the gallous, which Haman had made for Mordecai, causeth him to be hanged thereon.

SO the King and Haman came †to banquet with Esther †*Hebr. to drinke.*
the Queene.

2 And the king said againe vnto Esther, on the second day at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, Queene Esther, and it shalbe granted thee? and what is thy request? and it shall bee performed, euen to the halfe of the kingdome.

3 Then Esther the Queene answered, and said; If I haue found fauour in thy sight, O King, and if it please the King, let my life be giuen me at my petition, and my people at my request.

4 For we are sold, I, and my people, †to be destroyed, to be slaine, and to perish: but if we had bene sold for bondmen, and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not counteruaile the kings dammage. †*Hebr. that they should destroy and kil, and cause to perish.*

5 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus answered, & said vnto Esther †*Hebr. whose heart hath filled him.*
the Queene: Who is he? and where is he, †that durst pre-
sume in his heart to do so? †*Hebr. the man aduersary.*

6 And Esther said, †The aduersary and enemie, *is this*
wicked Haman. Then

|| *Or, at the presence of.* Then Haman was afraid || before the King and the Queene.

7 ¶ And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, *went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood vp to make request for his life to Esther the Queene: for he saw that there was euill determined against him by the King.

8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden, into the place of the banquet of wine, and Haman was fallen vpon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the King, *† Heb. with me.* Will hee force the Queene also *†* before me in the house? As the word went out of the Kings mouth, they couered Hamans face.

9 And Harbonah one of the chamberlaines, said before the king; Behold also the *† Heb. tree.* gallowes, fiftie cubites high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the Kings wrath pacified.

CHAP. VIII.

1 Mordecai is aduanced. 3 Esther maketh suite to reuerse Hamans letters. 7 Ahasuerus granteth to the Iewes to defend themselues. 15 Mordecais honour, and the Iewes ioy.

ON that day did the King Ahasuerus giue the house of Haman, the Iewes enemy, vnto Esther the Queene; and Mordecai came before the King; for Esther hade told what he *was* vnto her.

2 And the king tooke off his Ring which he had taken from Haman, and gaue it vnto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai ouer the house of Haman.

3 ¶ And Esther spake yet againe before the king, and fell downe at his feet, *† Heb. and she wept and besought him.* and besought him with teares, to put away the mischiefe of Haman the Agagite, and his deuice, that he had deuised against the Iewes.

4 Then the king helde out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,

5 And said, If it please the king, and if I haue found fauour in his sight, and the thing seeme right before the king, and I bee pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reuerse *† Heb. the deuice.* the letters deuised

by Haman the sonne of Hammedatha the Agagite, || which || Or, who wrote. hee wrote to destroy the Iewes, which are in all the kings prouinces.

6 For how can I †endure to see the euill that shall come vnto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kinred? † Heb. be able that I may see.

7 ¶ Then the king Ahasuerus said vnto Esther the Queene, and to Mordecai the Iewe, Behold, I haue giuen Esther the house of Haman, and him they haue hanged vpon the gallowes, because hee layde his hand vpon the Iewes.

8 Write ye also for the Iewes, as it liketh you, in the Kings name, and seale it with the Kings ring: for the writing which is written in the Kings name, and sealed with the Kings ring, *may no man reuerse.

* See Chap. 1. 19.

9 Then were the kings scribes called at that time, in the third moneth, (that is, the month Suan) on the three and twentieth day thereof, and it was written (according to all that Mordecai commanded) vnto the Iewes, and to the Lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the prouinces, which are from India vnto Ethiopia, an hundred, twentie and seuen prouinces, vnto euery prouince according to the writing thereof, and vnto euery people after their language, and to the Iewes, according to their writing, and according to their language.

10 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus name, and sealed it with the kings Ring, and sent letters by Postes, on horsebacke, and riders on mules, camels, and yong dromedaries:

11 Wherein the King granted the Iewes, which were in euery citie, to gather themselues together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish all the power of the people and prouince that would assault them, both little ones, and women, and to take the spoile of them for a pray:

12 Vpon one day, in all the prouinces of king Ahasuerus, namely vpon the thirteenth day of the twelfth moneth, which is the moneth Adar.

13 The copy of the writing, for a commandement to bee giuen in euery prouince, was †published vnto all people, and that the Iewes should be readie against that day, to auenge themselves on their enemies. † Heb. re-uealed.

14 So the posts that rode vpon mules *and* camels went out, being hastened, and pressed on by the kings commandement, and the decree was giuen at Shushan the palace.

15 ¶ And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king, in royall apparell, of ¶blew and white, and with a great crowne of gold, and with a garment of fine linnen, and purple, and the citie of Shushan reioyced, and was glad:

16 The Iewes had light and gladnesse, and ioy and honour.

17 And in euery prouince, and in euery city, whithersoever the kings commandement, and his decree came, the Iewes had ioy and gladnes, a feast and a good day: And many of the people of the land became Iewes; for the feare of the Iewes fell vpon them.

CHAP. IX.

1 The Iewes, (the rulers, for feare of Mordecai helping them) slay their enemies, with the ten sonnes of Haman. 12 Ahasuerus at the request of Esther, granteth another day of slaughter, and Hamans sonnes to be hanged. 20 The two daies of Purim are made festiuall.

NOW in the twelfth month (that is the moneth Adar) on the thirteenth day of the same, when the Kings commandement and his decree drew neere to bee put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Iewes hoped to haue power ouer them: (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Iewes had rule ouer them that hated them.)

2 The Iewes gathered themselues together in their cities, throughout all the prouinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt, and no man could withstand them: for the feare of them fell vpon all people.

3 And all the rulers of the prouinces, and the Lieutenants, and the deputies, and †officers of the king, helped the Iewes: because the feare of Mordecai fell vpon them.

† *Heb. those which did the busines that belonged to the King.*

4 For Mordecai *was* great in the kings house, and his fame went out, throughout all the prouinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

5 Thus the Iewes smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword,

and slaughter, and destruction, and did † what they would vnto those that hated them. † Heb. according to their will.

6 And in Shushan the palace the Iewes slew and destroyed five hundred men :

7 And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha,

8 And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

9 And Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vaiezatha,

10 The ten sonnes of Haman the sonne of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Iewes, slew they, but on the spoile laid they not their hand.

11 On that day, the number of those that were slaine in Shushan the palace, † was brought before the king. † Heb. came.

12 ¶ And the king said vnto Esther the Queene; The Iewes haue slaine and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, & the ten sonnes of Haman; what haue they done in the rest of the kings prouinces? now what *is* thy petition? and it shalbe granted thee: or what *is* thy request further? and it shall be done.

13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, Let it bee granted to the Iewes which *are* in Shushan, to doe to morow also, according vnto this dayes decree, and † let Hamans ten sonnes be hanged vpon the gallous. † Hebr. let men hang.

14 And the king commanded it so to be done; and the decree was giuen at Shushan, and they hanged Hamans ten sonnes.

15 For the Iewes that *were* in Shushan, gathered themselues together on the fourteenth day also of the moneth Adar, and slewe three hundred men at Shushan: but on the pray they laid not their hand.

16 But the other Iewes that *were* in the kings prouinces, gathered themselues together, & stood for their liues, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seuentie and five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the pray.

17 On the thirteenth day of the moneth Adar, and on the fourteenth day † of the same, rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladnes. † Heb. in it.

18 But the Iewes that *were* at Shushan, assembled together on the thirteenth day therof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same,

same, they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladnesse.

19 Therefore the Iewes of the villages, that dwelt in the vnwalled townes, made the foureteenth day of the moneth Adar, *a day* of gladnesse and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

20 ¶ And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters vnto all the Iewes, that *were* in all the prouinces of the king Ahasuerus, *both* nigh & farre,

21 To stablish *this* among them, that they should keepe the fourteenth day of the moneth Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yeerely :

22 As the dayes wherein the Iewes rested from their enemies, & the moneth which was turned vnto them, from sorrow to ioy, and from mourning into a good day : that they should make them daies of feasting and ioy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poore.

23 And the Iewes vndertooke to doe, as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written vnto them :

24 Because Haman the sonne of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemye of all the Iewes, had deuised against the Iewes to destroy them, and had cast Pur (that *is*, the lot) to † consume them, and to destroy them.

† Heb.
crush.

25 But † when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters, that his wicked deuce which he deuised against the Iewes, should returne vpon his owne head, and that he and his sonnes, should be hanged on the gallous.

† Heb.
when she
came.

26 Wherefore they called these dayes Purim, after the name of || Pur : therefore for all the words of this letter, and of *that* which they had seene concerning this matter, and which had come vnto them,

|| That is,
Lot.

27 The Iewes ordeined, and tooke vpon them, and vpon their seed, and vpon all such as ioyned themselues vnto them, so as it should not † faile, that they would keepe these two dayes, ac-

† Hebr.
passe.

cording to their writing, and according to their *appointed* time, euery yeere:

28 And that these dayes *should be* remembred, and kept throughout euery generation, euery family, euery prouince, and euery citie, and that these dayes of Purim should not †faile from among the Iewes, nor the memoriall of them †perish from their seed.

† Heb.
passe.

29 Then Esther the Queene, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Iew, wrote with †all authoritie, to confirme this second letter of Purim.

† Hebr. be
ended.

† Hebr. all
strength.

30 And hee sent the letters vnto all the Iewes, to the hundred, twentie and seuen prouinces of the kingdome of Ahasuerus, *with* wordes of peace and trueth:

31 To confirme these dayes of Purim, in their times *appointed*, according as Mordecai the Iew, and Esther the Queene had enioyned them, and as they had decreed †for themselues and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry.

† Hebr. for
their
soules.

32 And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim, and it was written in the booke.

CHAP. X.

1 Ahasuerus his greatnesse. 3 Mordecais aduancement.

AND the king Ahasuerus layde a tribute vpon the land, and vpon the Isles of the sea.

2 And all the actes of his power, and of his might, and the declaration of the greatnesse of Mordecai, whereunto the king †aduanced him, *are* they not written in the booke of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

† Heb.
made him
great.

3 For Mordecai the Iew *was* next vnto King Ahasuerus, and great among the Iewes, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

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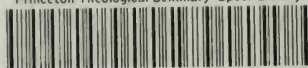
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